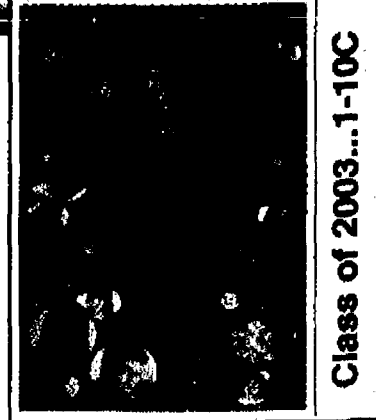




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Flower sale helps brighten things up



Photos by Cheryl Ruley

Local Boy Scout Troop 979 held a sale of annual flowers last weekend to help raise money for much needed camping equipment. Membership in scouting grows every year in Crawford County, providing many boys and young men with a variety of learning experiences and constructive activities. Here Brian Stewart arranges a flat of flowers, while Adam Malone, Jimmy Hilbrecht, Joe Somero and Adam Wargo make sure everything is in order for their customers. Purchases were carefully loaded into awaiting customer vehicles (right), which put a smile on everyone's faces. Helping load a customer's trunk were Somero, Wargo, Brent Steffey, and Hilbrecht.



Voters to decide two school board seats

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Voters in the Crawford AuSable School District will head to the polls on Monday, June 9 to decide which two of three candidates will join the Board of Education for the next four years.

Incumbent Gary Pettyjohn, of Grayling Township, is seeking his second full term, while outgoing board member and retired Frederic Elementary School principal Melvin "Pat" Nunn decided not to run for his second term, leaving one seat uncontested by an incumbent. Nunn is currently serving as Board secretary.

Along with Pettyjohn, the candidates are Lewis Madill of Maple Forest Township and William Dean of Grayling Township. All three men are Grayling High School graduates. Voters will be asked on the ballot to vote for no more than two candidates.

District residents who wish to run as write-in candidates must

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Drums along the AuSable

Percussionist Kevin Collins appeared at the AuSable Primary Cafeteria and in the Devereaux Library Meeting Room on May 21 to raves, applause, and lots of pounding drums.

He brought with him over a dozen African drums and shared the history and culture of each one as well as how they are played.

Many in the audiences got into the act, playing drums on stage. Even the teachers were pulled up on stage for a quick drum concert. At the library after school, Collins led a workshop and taught children and adults how to play specific African rhythms, most of them over 3,000 years old.

Over 900 people enjoyed his performances, learned some basic rhythms and African culture, and had a chance to learn words from many African languages.

Another joint program with the schools is being planned for next school year. The program was made possible by funding from Friends of the Library, Grayling Rotary, Youth Boosters, GPA (Grayling Promotional Association) and the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Events.



Photo courtesy of the Crawford County Libraries

More than 900 people, including school children and teachers, had the opportunity to learn all about African rhythms and drumming when percussionist Kevin Collins came to Grayling on May 21.

City approves DDA formation

► DDA to have smaller boundaries than previously proposed

The Grayling City Council approved the creation of a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) within the city limits with a 3-2 vote last Monday.

The purpose of a DDA is to improve a business district through planning and fundraising for capital improvement projects.

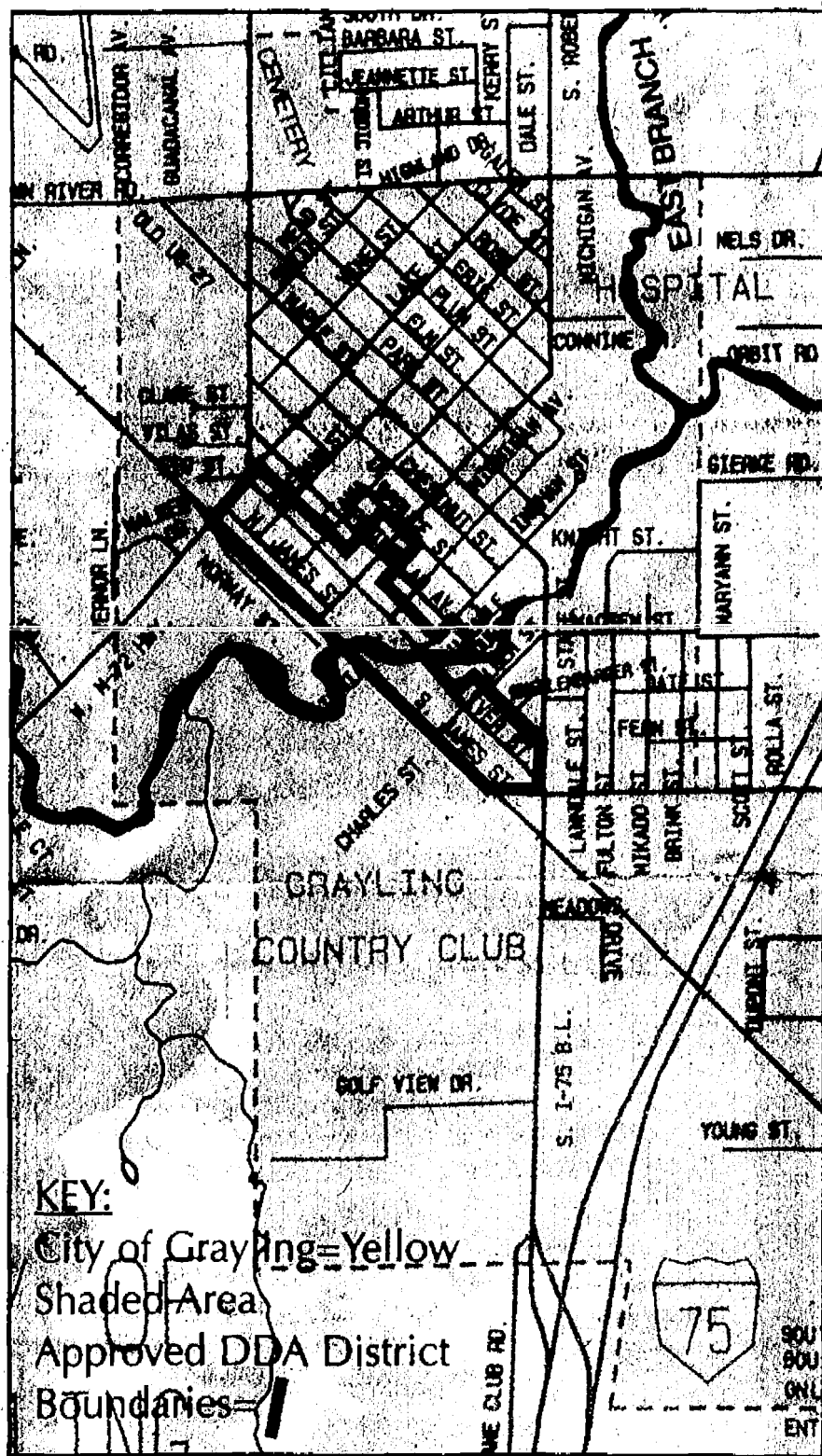
A DDA can be funded through several sources, including grants, millage, and/or Tax Increment Financing (TIF) - capture of increases in property tax values inside the DDA district. (Though the city council

has the option of collecting up to two mills for the DDA, council members have said throughout the formation process that they are against using a millage as a funding source for the Grayling DDA.)

In March, the council conducted a public information meeting and a public hearing with regard to the DDA issue. The public hearing was a required step in the DDA formation process. The council approved a tentative set of boundaries for the DDA prior to the public hearing.

The final district area approved for the DDA at last Monday's council meeting is considerably smaller than the district that was previously proposed and discussed at the public hearing level.

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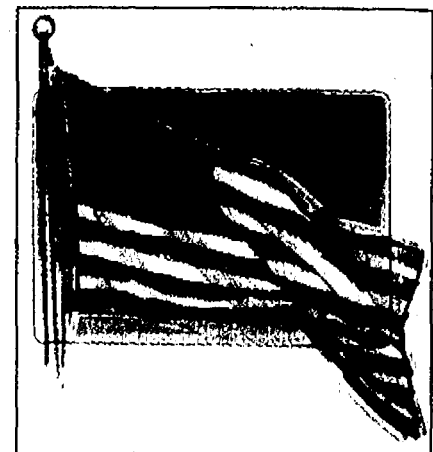
Approved district for the Grayling Downtown Development Authority

Ceremony will give old flags proper retirement

Ron Baker, Commander of American Legion Post 106 in Grayling, announced Saturday, June 14 - Flag Day - as the date of the Flag Disposal Ceremony.

The ceremony will begin at 12 noon at the post and the public is invited to attend.

Old flags to be disposed of may be dropped off at the Legion Hall on James Street, or in the flag disposal box recently installed under the Legion's sign,



anytime prior to June 14.

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William Dean for School Board



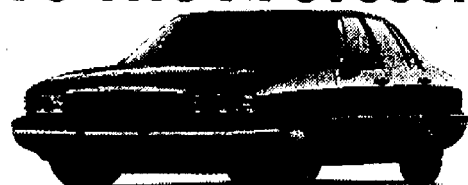
Providing quality education in a safe encouraging environment is my goal as a school board member. My wife Cory and I have both been raised in Grayling and have graduated from G.H.S. We currently have four children attending school in our district. I will always work for the best interest of our community's children.

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Many help beautify



Photo courtesy of Doug Meroney

Nancy Hunt, Lynn Trudeau, Gail Madsen and Ernie Dawson helped fill the new planters around Grayling.

Sixteen new planters have been delivered, placed around the two downtown Michigan Avenue blocks, then filled with dirt and beautiful flowers recently.

The portable planters and flowers replaced permanent planters removed last year because of sidewalk snow removal problems.

The City of Grayling purchased the planters and flowers

after unanimous approval by the City Council. Grayling Uptown District Association (GUDA) was instrumental in recommending and obtaining the planters.

GUDA and GPA (Grayling Promotional Association) volunteers provided the man and woman power to fill the planters for public display. Various businesses and volunteers will be watering, nurturing and caring for the flowers.

Museum desperate for volunteers

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Things are getting pretty rough around the old Crawford County Historic Museum this year. Without a new group of volunteers, hours may be cut drastically this year.

As of this date, curator Bob Ruddy said he can only staff the museum on Fridays. There is no set staffing for the remaining days of operation, Tuesday through Thursday and Saturday.

Ruddy said there's just no getting around it, his volunteers are getting up in age. "We need a younger generation to get involved with sharing the history of our county with visitors to the museum. It is a great place for high school students to earn community service hours and learn about their heritage," he explained.

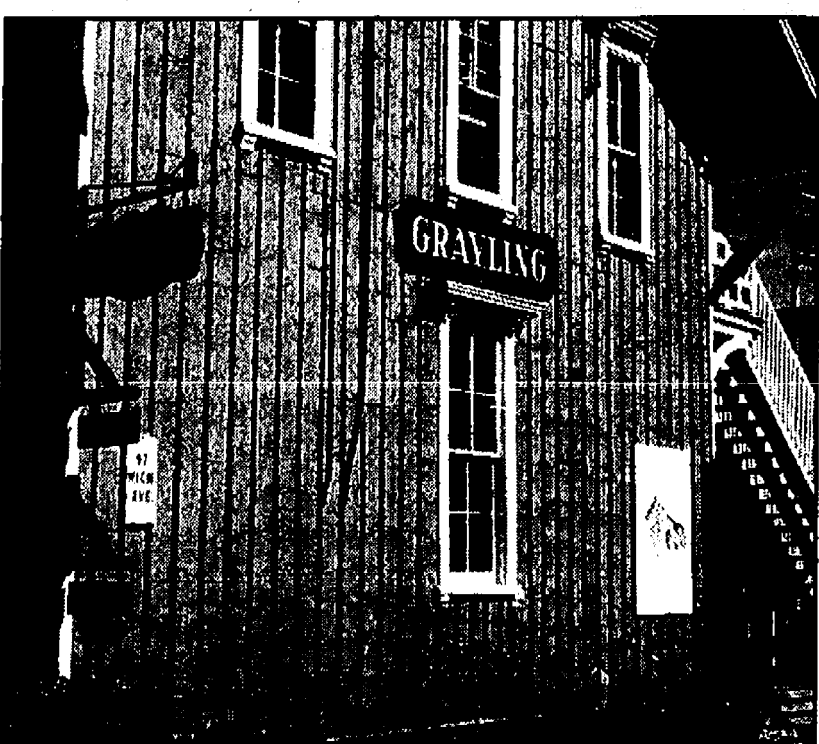
The museum, located at the west end of Michigan Avenue

in Grayling, is filled with thousands of artifacts, photos and interesting displays depicting the early days of Crawford County. Volunteers receive "on the job training" to get them started. All you need is a friendly attitude and a smile to work at the museum.

Ruddy said he is looking for people, young and old alike, who would enjoy sharing history with visitors. Senior citizens, teens and part-year residents are welcome and encouraged to volunteer and can choose to work from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., or both.

"If we don't find some help soon, we may be open on Fridays only and will not be able to participate in Heritage Days this August," Ruddy said.

For more information or to sign up to volunteer, call Ruddy at (989) 348-6294 or (989) 348-7333.



Without a new group of volunteers, the Crawford County Historic Museum will have to cut its hours.

State's concern halts county fair funding

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Officials from the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) met last week in Grayling with a group of about 30 local concerned citizens to discuss the future of the Crawford County Fair.

MDA Fair, Exhibitions and Racing Director Barbara Hensinger said her agency became concerned earlier this year when the local Fair Board applied for \$30,000 in matching grant funding even though the Crawford County Fair was poorly attended and lacked local participation in agriculture related exhibits.

"We received a fax from the Fair Board the morning of our meeting on May 28 stating there was no fair planned for this

year," said Cinda Karlik, MDA Fair Financial Program Manager. No members of the Fair Board attended the meeting held that morning at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, though invited to attend.

The *Traverse City Record-Eagle* reported last week that Fair Board President Ron Case said his board has resigned. The *Avalanche* has been unable to reach Case, but a call to Karlik's office in Lansing revealed the MDA has received no word on such a resignation.

Karlik said the Fair Board must notify her agency of the resignation. The membership of the Fair Association has the right to hold elections to install a new board. Hensinger said the Fair Board has reported \$600 in memberships paid, which would amount to 120 members, but she called that number questionable.

"We would like to hear from the members," Hensinger said. "Any group can form an agricultural society, which would serve as the local fair authority. The problem is, we cannot provide any funding until the group exists for three years, but we anticipate the regulations to be softened some in the near future."

According to Hensinger, only

29 exhibitors participated in the 2002 Crawford County Fair. A horse show was also offered. Each year, the MDA provides 64 percent of funding for premiums or cash awards for winning exhibits, with hundreds of categories available for competition.

Fairs have come a long way since the 1800s, Hensinger explained. "To be successful, communities have to get back to their roots," she said. "The turn out here at this meeting shows this community wants a successful fair." Hensinger and Karlik said the MDA is willing to help if the people of Crawford County are willing to create a partnership and a corrective action plan for the current problems.

Comments from those in attendance included getting the fair back to its roots of lumbering and steering away from a big emphasis on agriculture, though there is a need to keep the local 4-H highly involved.

Groups represented at the meeting included MSU-E 4-H, Grayling Little League, Redskin Football, Chamber of Commerce, Grayling Youth Boosters, Grayling Recreation Authority, Friends of the Library, Rotary, Animal Shelter of Crawford County, Grayling Promotional Association,

Crawford AuSable Schools, Mercy Hospital, Crawford County Transit Authority, and the County Board of Commissioners.

"I am encouraged to see a desire to do something about the fair," said Commissioner Terry Beardslee. "We really need a master plan for the whole (fair-ground) area. A lot of work needs to be done to the grounds. It can be revived and I would like to see the fair brought back to life. I am concerned about finances and that people are reluctant to get involved with the Fair Board. We need to get rid of that stigma."

The County Board recently formed a Fairgrounds Land Use Committee when it severed ties with the Fair Board due to a breach in contract.

"You need to get a broad base of the community involved in the fair," Hensinger advised. "You have to ask what does your community value and create partnerships with those groups already situated with the fair."

Anyone, especially members of the Crawford County Fair Association, interested in contacting the MDA regarding the Fair Board situation, should call Hensinger at (517) 373-9716 or Karlik at (517) 373-9760.

New environmental monitor familiar with the job

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

New Crawford County Environmental Monitor Bruce Patrick is very familiar with Crawford County since he has worked in this area since 1979,

first as a conservation officer for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

From 1994 to 1999, when he retired, he was an Environmental Conservation Officer where he dealt with environmental protec-

tion laws on hazardous waste, solid waste and air pollution which is an exact fit to his new job.

He began working as the county's Environmental Monitor in February and has been dealing with the controversies involving the Waters Landfill - both Big Rock Point waste and Canadian trash.

Patrick said he will continue to monitor the landfill and although he is happy with the recycling program in the county he is investigating ways to expand it. He is also working on ways to expand the materials that can be turned in on Hazardous Waste Day.

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Men's Group honors local WWII veterans



Photo courtesy of the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church Men's Group

Local World War II veterans were honored recently by the Michelson Church Men's Group, giving the men an opportunity to share their experiences of over a half century ago. Those able to attend were, from left: (seated) Al Wiedman, Leo Post, Bob Hartwig, Don Geiss, Bill Rutter, Chuck Roman; (standing) John Nims, John Wylie, Walt Taylor, Bill Greene, Joe Kutkuhn, Harvey Rowland, Walter Fleeger, Larry Smith.

The Men's Group of Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, in Grayling, recently celebrated its 50th meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

Don Geiss, a World War II (WWII) prisoner of war (POW), spoke to 77 men telling them about his capture in Germany. He was a sergeant in the U.S. Army serving in the 8th Infantry Division, which had a 300-percent replacement in personnel during the war due to casualties.

A major ordered Geiss' company of 197 men to move forward

ward and, when only 16 men were left, surrendered. Geiss had been shot in the leg.

As POWs, the men were given hard cider, placed in a barn, and then started out on a 175-mile march back to Paris, France. They were strafed by U.S. war planes.

The men continued toward France by bus, railroad boxcars and foot.

Food, when available, consisted of boiled turnips and sugar beets, and black bread. At the end of his one-year ordeal,

Geiss' weight had dropped from 180 pounds to 130.

Geiss told the group that all the POWs were scared, feeling helpless while taking a great amount of punishment and saying nothing.

Personal experiences were also shared by Walter Fleeger, Bill Greene, Bill Rutter, Larry Smith, Walt Taylor, Al Wiedman and John Wylie. Other WWII veterans attending were: Bob Hartwig, Joe Kutkuhn, John Nims, Leo Post, Chuck Roman and Harvey Rowland. Those

invited, but unable to attend were also honored. They were: Bill Beck, Bob Bovee, Jim Friedman, Harold Hatfield, Bob McIntosh, John Thomas, and Art Weideman.

The Men's Group meets on the fourth Monday of each month for a prepared dinner, fellowship and a presentation or facility tour. Men of all faiths are welcome.

For more information, call Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, located at 400 East Michigan Avenue in Grayling, at 348-2974.

Open your home to a new furry friend

► June is Adopt a Shelter Cat Month; animal shelter has plenty

Anyone who has ever said they hate cats probably has never lived with one of these fine friends. Adopting an older cat can be the most wonderful experience in companionship and just plain fun.

Many adult cats come to the Animal Shelter of Crawford County each year. Most of them are someone's pet, but for some reason, most aren't retrieved by their owners.

Shelter Manager Dixie Lobsinger said, "The sad fact is we, as a society, don't put as much value on cats as we do on dogs, even though they are great companions, low maintenance and live longer than dogs generally do."

Lobsinger said many people adopt a kitten instead of an adult cat and find they need a lot of attention to keep them from getting in trouble, just like a puppy. Adult cats have been through the kitten stage and are generally calmer and less likely to climb your curtains or chew up a wire. Although their curiosity is life-long, adult cats are more content to sit on your lap or lounge on a window sill, and provide hours of entertainment with their antics, than to be causing trouble. They are also great "mousers."

In the past year, the Animal Shelter has refurbished a mobile home, donated by Ray Swiercz, to house the increasing number of cats brought in by the Animal Control officer. But the new facility is always full and many cats are waiting for new homes.

"Many pregnant animals come

to the shelter each year," remarked Lobsinger. "They are turned out by their owners who could have stopped the unwanted pregnancy from happening by getting them spayed."

Getting your male cat neutered is also an extremely effective way of cutting down the unwanted litters of kittens that come to the shelter each year. One cat can father hundreds of litters throughout its lifetime. Those who can not afford the full price of surgery are urged to contact the shelter to learn about low-cost opportunities.

Lobsinger said those interested in adopting should choose a new cat friend on the basis of their personality, not color or breed. "It's unfortunate that black is the dominate color in both cats and dogs, but black animals are always the last to find homes. We have some very friendly and playful black cats who would make wonderful pets," she said.

The cost to adopt a cat from the Animal Shelter is \$50. Lobsinger has been working with local veterinarians in an effort to have every animal altered prior to adoption as a cost-saving incentive to new owners and to ensure the shelter is doing its best to help prevent unwanted litters in the future. The cats are also current on their vaccinations and most have been feline leukemia tested.

The Animal Shelter of



Sophie is nursing her three kittens. She came to the shelter pregnant. She will be available for adoption, along with her kittens in the near future.

Crawford County is open seven days a week, Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Sundays and holidays from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. After hours appointments can be arranged.

To make a donation to help defray the cost of the shelter's spay/neuter program, or to help with general daily expenses,

make check payable to the Animal Shelter of Crawford County and mail to P.O. Box 384, Grayling MI 49738.

Shelter pets are featured on line at www.ascc.petfinder.com. For more information about adoptions, low-cost spays and neuters, or volunteer opportunities at the shelter, call (989) 348-4117.



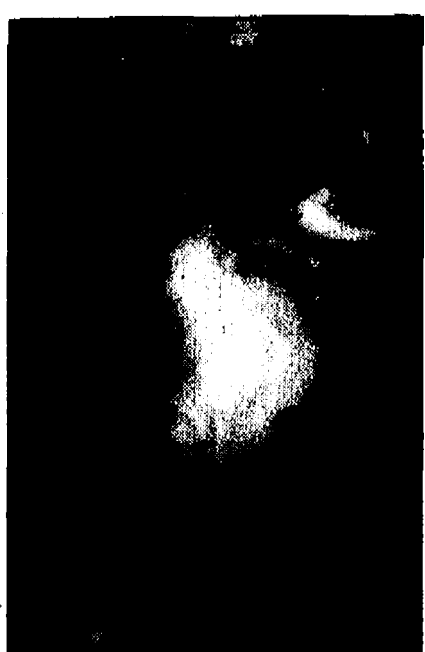
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Sally is a real character, spayed and declawed.



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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Land use, urban sprawl plague Michigan

URBAN SPRAWL has become an important term in Michigan politics and government this year.

Every politician, environmentalist and developer -- and most voters -- seem to recognize proper land use as a problem, but nobody so far has come up with acceptable answers.

Governor Jennifer Granholm and legislative leaders a couple months ago appointed a special commission called Michigan Land Use Leadership Council to tackle the problem.

Former Republican Governor William Milliken and former Democratic Attorney General Frank Kelley agreed to leave public retirement to serve as co-chairs. Both are well respected for their long tenures as responsible Michigan leaders. Neither lost an election, either.

The commission's charge is to come up with rules to curb urban sprawl, loss of farmland and decay of core urban areas.

Setting up the commission is the easy part. Getting good answers is much more difficult. Recommendations are due in August.

MORE AND MORE green space is being developed into subdivisions, individual homes, shopping strips or malls. Trees, open spaces, farmlands, grass are being replaced by asphalt and cement.

In a planning paradox, many city centers are declining. As urban cores deteriorate, residents move to suburbs, big lots and bigger houses sprout, open space is lost in a disturbing wave of growth.

What happens when all the

green is gone? Will the Lower Peninsula develop itself into one big chunk of concrete from Ohio to the Straits of Mackinac?

The Milliken-Kelley commission likely will come up with proposals for added state regulations on growth and planning.

Basic control, now rests with local governments, which probably know better than anybody how their community should develop.

But even where property owners can traipse down to the city or township hall with their planning, zoning and other land use problems, answers frequently are unsatisfactory.

The fundamental questions remain: Why and how should government regulate use of private property?

COMMENTS BY Nancy

White, County Commission chair in burgeoning Macomb County, illustrate part of the dilemma. At a roundtable of government leaders from southeastern Michigan, Ms. White said:

"We're very concerned about the north end of Macomb county. Farmers are selling their land for \$33,000 an acre. We have a lot of small vegetable farms. People come out on Saturdays and Sundays to farmers markets. I just don't want to lose that."

Small farmers and small markets are very attractive, especially to city folks who live nearby and don't have to endure the travails of trying to run a successful farm.

But if a farmer wants to sell land for \$33,000 an acre, or some other sum which might mean comfortable retirement, then why not? Whose use of the land is

primary? The owner's, or the community's? Should the right to sell be restricted?

TO BE SUCCESSFUL, our democratic form of government requires that citizens may be called upon to give up some things for the overall good of the community.

Perhaps it is a couple of years for military service. Perhaps it is the right to drive your car as fast as you want. Perhaps it is to pay taxes to support community schools, even if you don't have children attending those schools. The overall good prevails.

Should the community be able to dictate how private property owners may dispose of their property, or define its use?

What should be the basic community which can require sacrifice of property rights? Should it

be the township or city? The county? The state of Michigan?

Everyone wants a pleasant place to live. Most folks agree with the need for intelligent growth, and prudent use of natural resources.

But how do we accomplish these goals, without sacrificing too many citizen rights, and keep everyone happy in the process?

If former Governor Milliken and former Attorney General Kelley can come up with satisfactory answers, Michigan should bring them back into office and let them run things for the rest of their lives.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Burial of loved one brings extra grief

To the editor,

For as long as any of us can remember, we were not only taught to respect the living, but were very sternly taught to respect our dead.

These teachings were handed down generation to generation, being that you take care of cemetery lots, clean them, respect those who have passed by placing flowers on Memorial Day, removing those on Labor Day while placing decorations for Christmas, then removing those in the spring.

Graves were always carefully maintained by family, not left to township workers, etc. My grandpa, Cecil Canfield, was so much a stickler for this kind of respectfulness that on two occasions we've also dug the graves of family members, his being one of them. To some, this may seem a little extreme, to others maybe a wish they could have done this themselves as one last practice to honor a person who has passed.

On May 19, we buried our beloved mother and grandmother, Clois Canfield. Our wish was to also dig her grave, to have it

just perfect for her final resting place beside her beloved husband, Cecil, and her dearly loved sister. However, due to insurance restrictions, we were unable to do it as it is now up to Beaver Creek Township to hire this done.

In the process of opening her grave using heavy equipment, the rest of our family at peace suffered, in our minds, a very disrespectful act. Their graves were driven across by the equipment, numerous times from the look of it. There are now deep trenches where there should only be footsteps on hallowed ground.

Not only were our family's graves disturbed in such a way, but also that of a very small child who has been buried there for as long as I can remember. Of course we were upset, as can be expected.

In the process of trying to solve this problem, finding out what was going to be done to fix it, a family member was accused of being drunk by the Beaver Creek Township Clerk. This being said to a man who does not drink, and certainly wasn't drunk on the day of his grandmother's

viewing and the night before her funeral. The Clerk was disgruntled by being called at 10 p.m. over a problem she couldn't do anything about. Maybe a call that late was a little excessive, but to us, who were burying a loved one, we felt it was necessary.

I don't think our horror and anguish was "too much." I don't feel we were in the wrong by expressing our anger on this matter. I do, however, believe that an apology is owed to our "drunkard" and maybe someone who is taught respect and cemetery manners should do the work next time.

Maybe someone should be appointed to oversee this sort of thing, someone who doesn't have such a busy schedule... not just for our family, but for anyone else who has to go through this rough time. It's not something we'll soon forget. And, I sit here and wonder, how would those people react if they were in our shoes on this day we forever say goodbye to a loved one?

Billie Jo Miller
Grayling

New nature park earns boy's praise

To the editor,

I like the new Fish Hatchery Nature Park.

I like how Mr. Wright and his friends designed it and used their

imagination.

My sister and I like to play there. We especially like the slides, fish, telephones and rock-climbing wall. We meet new

friends every day that we go there.

Nick Smock, age 7
Grayling

War opponent extends olive branch

To the editor,

PFC Justin Michal and his fellow squad members of Unit 5K believe the Grayling Peace Group has no right to voice our opinion. They presume we're ignorant about the Middle East and ask if we've ever met a Middle Eastern person.

Actually, most of our group has been to the Middle East, several of us have Arab friends, and I, myself, lived and worked there for 12 1/2 years. In 1980, I was writing (President) Reagan, begging him not to support and/or arm Saddam Hussein, so I think I can say I'm not altogether blind about the issues. I'm still in touch with Iranian and Arab friends I met there. I'd like to share some of their recent e-mails: (Spelling has been corrected)

From a former student in Iran: "Remember the day we went to a shrine in Isfahan. I talked about prejudice. Now prejudice has become stronger. I wish all the money devoted to make military weapons be used to heighten the culture of coexistence."

A Saudi computer consultant: "We have mixed opinions here as always... lots of Saudis have American friends, but

they still don't like U.S. policies. Some people believe the U.S. will help Israel ship all Palestinians to Iraq. Most of the media say the USA will be after the oil and after they get it, they'll forget about helping the country, like they did in Afghanistan... because they definitely have some unfinished business over there..."

An Egyptian businessman: "The best result would be making a democracy in Iraq. I hope to see that, but the USA will need patience."

A teacher in Turkey: "Most Turks are pro-Western, and now they feel let down, rather than angry at America. The West will 'win the war,' but they'll lose the people."

A young Iranian woman: "On tv they showed the bodies of four or five soldiers. I don't know if they were American or British, but I felt pity for them. Surely they have parents, friends and families and I am sure the feelings of their families is like other families all over the world. Please tell your people most Iranian families have been touched by war and lost their children and they never want it for anyone else."

The voices we hear from real

people in the Middle East are not arrogant, not fanatical. They're distressed by our government's policies, but they don't hate the American people. It's because we know there are millions of voices like these we feel morally bound to raise our voices in pursuit of peace. War drowns out the voices of reason and encourages the voices of fanaticism. With the modern surge in terror, war makes the world less safe, not safer.

To those of you serving in Iraq: None of us in the Peace Group are anti-military. We opposed a preemptive war because we didn't want you to get shot at for what we considered dubious reasons. However, now you're there, and we all hope and pray all of you come home in one piece.

We also hope you're able to make personal friends among the Iraqis, so you can help build bridges of peace and understanding in the future.

P.S. If you want letters, I'll send a copy of this to your APO, and write to any of you who want to write to me.

Cathy Lester
Grayling

Young soldiers: remember the right to free speech

To the editor,

After reading the "nonsense" editorial from some of our young soldiers, I feel compelled to reply.

As a young soldier in Vietnam, my view of the war was pretty narrow. My perspective on the war was like looking through a tube. I could clearly see what was viewable via the tube, but not much else.

Action involving other units would sometimes take place within a few hundred yards or a few hours of where I was at, that I wouldn't know about until reading about the event later in *Time* magazine or *Newsweek*. These weekly news magazines,

which usually arrived a month late, also provided political perspective.

Maybe the young men in the field in Iraq have a better view of war today, but I'd bet not. They are likely as dependent on the national news agencies for war news as we were in Vietnam.

Those who research the war via news magazines, the Web, newspapers and yes, CNN, Fox and other TV sources, are not necessarily "uninformed," telling "lies," "have no room for comment," "have no idea what (they) are talking about," "engag(ing) in an activity they know nothing about," or writing "nonsense."

The young soldiers, who com-

plained about editorials that don't match their view of things, should remember those things the soldiers who came before them stood for and were (like today's soldiers) willing to risk death. Free speech is first on this civil rights list. I hope no American ever gets to the point where they believe they should "not attempt to reply" to an editorial, not "protest... on Michigan Avenue" regarding a cause they believe in, or get to a point where they believe that "chances are, no one will listen anyway."

Robert W. Mammel
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Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

The Bible Speaks

America's Future?

God has blessed America in many areas beyond any nation in the history of the world. Our technological development and wealth is surpassing the wildest dreams of previous civilizations. Our military skill and power appears to be invincible. We are in a position to experience the success of a superpower like the Greeks under Alexander the Great or Rome in all her glory. America has a chance to bring freedom to all peoples enslaved around the world. We owe our success to only one thing, our Judeo-Christian roots of faith in God. America has been blessed by God's promises to Abraham in Genesis 12:3: "And I will bless thee that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." God has cursed every nation in history that has turned against Israel.

And this is the dark cloud that threatens America's future. Our nation is about equally divided between believers and unbelievers, between righteousness and sin, between those who worship wealth and those who worship God, and between those who follow love and those who follow lust. God promised us in Prov. 14:34: "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." We face a future in which we will either follow righteousness and be exalted, or we will follow sin and suffer reproach.

President Abraham Lincoln warned his generation, "we have forgotten

God." Jonathan Edwards warned our nation with his stirring sermons like, "Sinners in the hands of an angry God" resulting in a Great Spiritual Awakening. In the past, America has experienced many spiritual revivals that restored God's continued blessings upon us. But political correctness, multiculturalism, litigation, and other pressures from liberalism have silenced many pulpits across America.

The Bible makes it clear in Zechariah 14:1-4 that all nations will be united against the Jews at Jerusalem in the last great battle of Armageddon. So where is America, the nation God used to give rebirth to the nation of Israel in 1948? Where is America that God used throughout Israel's history to support and defend her? What will cause America as a nation to turn against Israel in the last days? Pagan control!

The next great prophetic event in Bible prophecy is called the rapture of the church. All Christians will be caught up to be with the Lord before that last great tribulation upon earth. The rapture is described in 1 Thess. 5:13-18: "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. 14For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 15For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain

unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 16For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18Wherefore comfort one another with these words." In that day when all American Christians are raptured, only pagans will be left in America. Will you be saved or left behind in that day? Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Website at <http://www.12k.net/~cba>. We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday.

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Young Writers seminar deadline extended

The deadline to register for Kirtland Community College's Controlled Burn Seminar for Young Writers, the renowned and intense, three-credit-hour, six-day, seven night workshop for aspiring writers, has been extended to June 14, director Gerry LaFemina has announced.

The sixth annual event offers a unique opportunity for writers aged 15-20 to spend a week with published authors of books of poetry and fiction. It's a week of workshops, panels, readings and presentations by some of the

country's hottest new writers at the MacMullan Conference Center on the shores of Michigan's beautiful Higgins Lake.

"The seminar's small, intensive class sessions and excellent readings make it one of the finest communities for young writers to interact, learn, and explore poetry and fiction," LaFemina said.

It is sponsored by Kirtland Community College, home of the country's first associate in fine arts degree in creative writing. In recent years, the seminar has

attracted students from all over Michigan and beyond, including a Harvard University student last year.

Tuition for the seminar is \$650, which includes three college credits, registration fees and related costs, room and board. Several scholarships remain available, LaFemina said.

Workshops are limited, so interested students are urged to act quickly. For more information on the Young Writers Seminar, phone (989) 275-5000, ext. 376.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Nova Anderson

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 pm weekdays except Friday, there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for. The Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King. Walk-ins are welcome.

June:
5 - BBQ Beef/Porkchops; Blood Pressures at 11 a.m.; Painting and Crafts at 1 p.m.; Attack Uno at 5:30 p.m.
6 - Spanish Rice/No Dinner; Pantry Bingo and 80 Cent Rummy at 1 p.m.

9 - Goulash/Weiner Schnitzel; COA Board Meeting at 9:30 a.m.; Stag Cards at 12 noon; Bridge Club at 1 p.m.

10 - Herbed Chicken/Roast Beef; Casino Trip at 8:30 a.m.; Euchre Club at 1 p.m.; Father's Day Dinner and Dance at 5 p.m.

11 - Swiss Steak/Hawaiian Ham; Exercise and Line Dancing from 10 to 11 a.m.; Stag Cards at 12 noon; Computer Class at 3:30 p.m.

If you have any questions about our services or would like to make reservations for a dinner, call 348-7123.

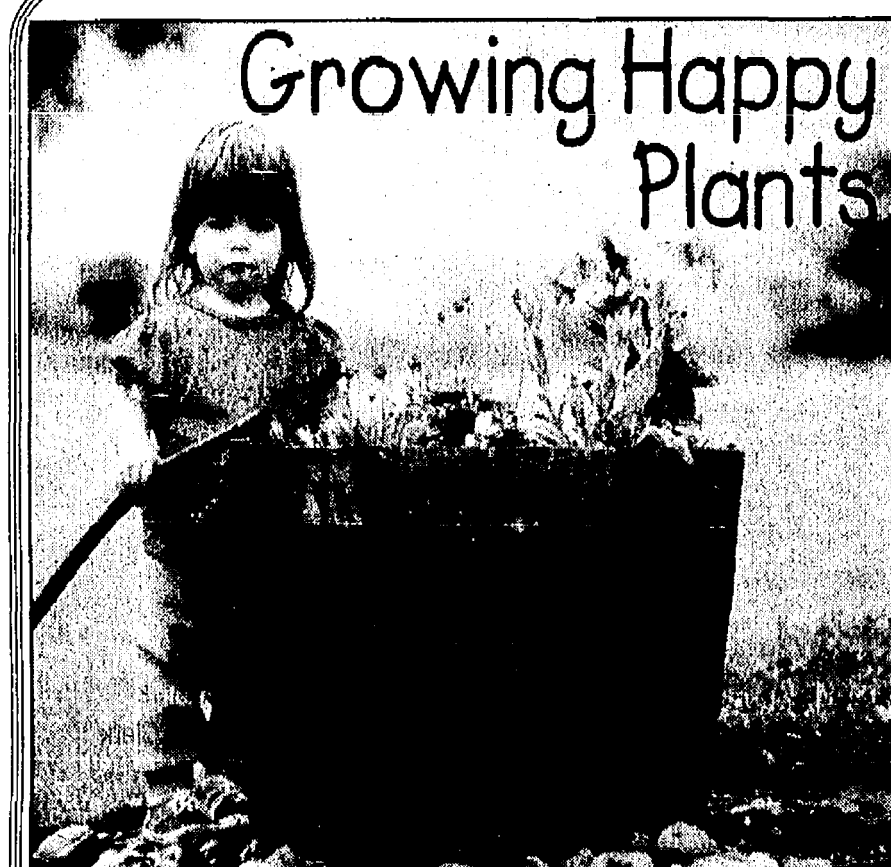
HONORS

University of Notre Dame

Jason Ross Thompson graduated with high honors from the University of Notre Dame Law School on May 18. He is the son of Jon and Ellen Thompson of Lovells and a 1996 graduate of Grayling High School. Jason will begin working for Parsons Ringsmuth P.L.C. in Traverse City.

HOMETOWN NEWS

Mary Jane Knibbs attended the graduation of her grandson, Michael Elliott, from Albion College on May 10.



Growing Happy Plants

This budding gardener already knows one of the most important rules of successful gardening. You must enrich your soil for your flowers to be more beautiful. Maybe you can "get by" with tired old dirt, but your garden will not be as vibrant or your plants as "happy".

As this youngster's parents teach her to enrich the soil, they also are teaching her how to nurture a vibrant spirit by worshipping together in God's House each Sabbath. In story and in song, she learns of his Heavenly Father's role in her life...both present and future. She discovers the way to cultivate her spirit with God's unconditional love, no matter what the circumstances.

Do you enrich your spirit regularly in God's House? Do you want to feel more vibrant instead of just "getting by"? You can when you worship each week and learn of the Creator's love for you. "He who gives heed to the Word will prosper, and happy is he who trusts in the Lord." (Prov. 16:20)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Luke 11:1-13	John 14:15-31	John 15:18-16:4	John 16:5-15	John 16:16-33	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Joel 2:28-3:8

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2nd & 4th Wednesday.....7 pm
Sunday School.....10:30 am

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Sunday School-
Sept. - May
Adult Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Children's Sunday School.....11 am
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Bible Study (Wed).....10:30 am

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(1st building on right inside camp entrance)
Church Service.....9:30 am
Sabbath School.....10:30 am
Saturday.....10:30 am
Prayer Meeting.....7 pm
Tuesday.....7 pm

Lovells Chapel
Pastor Rev. Gary Hopp
Sunday School.....10 am
Chapel Service.....11 am
Wednesday
Prayer Meeting.....7-8 pm

Free Methodist
Joseph Carpenter - Pastor
Daniel Baldermann-Associate Pastor
6652 (M-72 W.) • 348-9093
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Early Service.....8:30 am
Sunday School.....10 am
Morning Service.....11 am
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

Emma Lowery United Church Of Christ
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne
Sunday Worship.....11 am
Adult and Youth
Sunday School.....9:30 am

Heritage Baptist
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
1/4 mile west of I-75
Sunday School.....9:45 am
Morning Worship.....11 am
Evening Worship.....6 pm
Wednesday.....7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Church 348-8885
Parsonage 348-2588
Sunday School.....9:30 am
Morning Worship.....10:30 am
Evening Service.....6 pm
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children.....7 pm

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President David Page
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord
Sacrament.....10 am
Sunday School.....11 am
Primary.....11 am
Priesthood.....12 noon
Relief Society.....12 noon

Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling
Sunday School.....10 am
Sunday Service &
Children's Church.....11 am
Sunday Evening Service.....6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting.....7 pm
Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

St. John Lutheran (ELCA)
Appointed Pastor Victor Slayman
710 Spruce Street
348-5224
Sunday School.....9:15 am
Sunday Worship.....10:30 am

Community of Christ
Pastor Carol Stephan
North Down River Rd. at
1030 Glenn Rd. • P.O. Box 1188
Church School.....9:45 am
Preaching.....11 am
Midweek Service Prayer.....7 pm

Friendship Church
A Christian Reformed Ministry
Rev. Dick Oberg, Pastor
415 Ohio North, Gaylord
Sunday School.....10 am
Morning Worship.....11 am
Tue. Women's Bible Study.....10 am
Wed. Men's Bible Study.....12 noon

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community
Robert W. Nalley, J.V., Pastor
700-708 Peninsular - 348-7657
Sabbath Eucharist

Saturday Vigil Mass.....6 pm
Sunday Masses.....8:00 am
Family Mass.....10:00 am
Scripture Study (Sundays).....9:15 am
Daily Masses.....9:30 am
Wednesday & Fridays.....8:30 am

First Baptist Church of Frederic
Pastor Dale Hammond
Sunday School.....9:45 am
Morning Worship.....11 am
Evening Worship.....6 pm
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study.....7 pm

St. Francis Episcopal
M-72 West
Office 348-5850
Sunday Holy Eucharist.....8:30 & 10:30 am

Resurrection Life Church
Pastor Jimmie McWatters
Grayling Days Inn Conference Room
Sunday Service.....10:30 am
Phone: 231-536-7933, Fax: 231-536-3046
Wednesday.....7 pm
(call or e-mail for directions)
Website: www.rlcnow.com
E-mail: pastorjim@rlcnow.com

Calvary Baptist Church
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor
M-72 West
Sunday School.....9:45 am
Morning Worship.....10:30 am
Evening Worship.....6 pm
Mid-Week Services
Wednesday.....7 pm
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.) 7 pm

Church of Christ
Scott Hoffer, Pastor
Old US-27 at Skyline Rd.
275-8613

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Sunday Mornings on
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Sunday Classes.....10 am
Sunday Worship.....11 am
Sunday Evening.....6 pm
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Wednesday
Mid-Week Bible Study.....7 pm

Abundant Life Tabernacle
Pastor Lyle Studer
211 Shellenbarger St.
348-5325

Sunday School.....10 am
Sunday
Worship.....11 am & 6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening.....7 pm

Grayling Baptist Church
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Pastor Terry Colby
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Sunday School.....9:45 am
Morning Worship.....11 am
Evening Service.....6 pm
Wednesday Service.....7 pm

Bear Lake Christian
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.
Sunday School.....9 am
Sunday Service.....10 am

Luzerne Baptist
Pastor James Durfee
2247 Durfee Lane
Sunday School.....10 am
Sunday Morning Worship.....11 am
Sunday Evening Worship.....6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

Harvest Time Church of God
Pastor Fred Coates
506 North Birch St., Kalkaska
(231) 258-3448

Sunday School.....10 am
Worship Service.....11 am & 6 pm
Family Training Hour and Prayer
Wednesday.....7 pm

Mt. Hope Evangelical Lutheran--Missouri Synod
Pastor - Rev. Steven Thiel
905 N. I-75 Bus. Lp.
348-5921

Wed. Morning Bible Study.....9:30 am
Sunday School.....9:15 am
Sunday Worship.....10:30 am

Unity Church of Today North
Terry Dickinson, Minister
Forbush Corners, Frederic
Call D. Storing (989) 732-6364
Sunday Services.....9:00 am

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OBITUARIES

Betty June Francis

Nov. 7, 1938-May 31, 2003

Betty June Francis, 64, of Beaver Creek Township, died at home after a very long battle with cancer, on Saturday, May 31.

She was born on November 7, 1938 in Farlington, Kansas to Joseph John and Olive Mae (Hencey) Massingill.

The former Betty June Massingill was married to Mr. Timothy Francis on May 16, 1959 in Ortonville.

Mrs. Francis, a resident of Grayling since October of 1971, was a former co-owner/operator of the Pine-Aire Motel with her husband for seven years. She was also a homemaker and worked at the Grayling Super 8 for five years.

Mrs. Francis enjoyed life with her husband, family and grandchildren. She also enjoyed traveling on long road trips and coffee time with friends reminiscing about the "good times" and "simple life."

She is survived by her husband, Tim Francis; two sons: Joe (Jody) Francis of Suttons Bay and Kevin Francis of Grayling; one daughter, Julie (Chad) Flowers of Grayling; six grandchildren: Kelsey Logan Francis, Shane Joseph Francis, Brandon Hunter Davison, Margaret "Maggie" Mae Francis, Shantel Marie Francis, and Rachel Amber Flowers; and her father-in-law, Lew Francis of Ortonville.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, June 3 at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel. Burial at Elmwood Cemetery in Grayling.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 82 complaints the week of May 26 through June 1:

One EMS response, nine traffic accidents, one traffic safety public appearance, one accident - all other, one motor vehicle inspection, one civil matter dispute - family trouble, nine suspicious situations, one missing person, 15 general non-criminal, three delinquent minors, four false alarm activation, three assault/intimidation/stalking, two burglary/home invasion, three larceny, one theft and sale of vehicle, seven damage to property;

One damage to public property, one drunkenness, four public peace/disorderly, four health and safety, one conservation, one vagrancy, seven driving violations/DWLS, etc., one driving on revoked/suspended/ refused license.

Sheriff Wakefield asks: "Do you know where your children are?"

For more information, log on to: www.crawfordsheriff.org.

Card of Thanks

A special thanks to family and friends for their support during my recent hospital stay.

God Bless you all.

Betty Madsen

Lyssa Jean Pruett

Feb. 20, 1989-May 24, 2003

Lyssa Jean Pruett, 14, of Sandy, Oregon, died Saturday, May 24, in an ATV accident.

She was born on February 20, 1989, in Clackamas, Oregon to Frazier and Connie Pruett. Lyssa moved with her family to Sandy in 1996.

She was an eighth grade student at Boring Middle School where she sang in the chorus and also acted as an intermedia-tor between counselors and students.

Lyssa was a very active member of her church and was also a catcher for the Sandy Area Girls Softball team for seven years.

She is survived by her parents, Frazier and Connie; two brothers, Douglas J. and Daniel C.; one sister, Ashara Elizabeth; and her grandparents Emmarose Pruett of Brookings, OR, and Warren and Helen Hatfield of Grayling.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, May 29, at the Orient Drive Baptist Church in Boring, OR.

Lyssa Jean was laid to rest at the Sandy Ridge Cemetery in Sandy, OR.

William G. Crofts

April 4, 1912-May 17, 2003

William G. Crofts, 91, of Grayling, formerly of Bath, passed away at his home on May 17. He was born on April 4, 1912 in Olive Township, Michigan.

William lived in Bath for 60 years before moving to Grayling in 1972.

He loved to hunt and fish and also enjoyed feeding the deer, squirrels and birds.

He is survived by a friend and companion of 22 years, Eunice Weaver; a daughter - Paye (Ronald) Wellfare; one son, Carl (Bethany) Crofts, four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife Ida V. Crofts in 1977.

A memorial service will be held on June 14 at 2 p.m. at the Community of Christ Church in Grayling.

Donations in his memory may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 128 N. Court St., Gaylord, MI; or to the American Cancer Society.

Card of Thanks

The family of Craig Scott Perry wishes to express their heartfelt thanks to his many friends for their help and support.

Craig Scott Perry

July 5, 1947 - May 28, 2003

Craig Scott Perry, 55, of Grayling died Wednesday, May 28 preparing to do what he loved the best - guiding. He was born in Lansing on July 5, 1947 to Glenn and Donna (Wilkinson) Perry.

Craig served his country in the U.S. Army as a military policeman in the 287th Military Police during 1967-69 at the Berlin Wall. He worked for ten years in the Parks and Forestry Division of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. For the past 20 years he has been a fishing guide on the AuSable River.

Craig was an avid sportsman and loved hunting and fishing. Guiding ... being a guide, is being able to teach others to catch fish. He did this very well and much more. He taught people of all ages to appreciate the river, whether they were kids with their first brook trout or gentlemen with a twenty inch brown. He will be missed by his family and many friends.

He is survived by his mother, Donna Perry of Lansing, sister-in-law Pamela, nephew Zachary and niece Jessica of Grand Ledge.

He was preceded in death by his father, Glenn C. Perry (1970) and his brother Thomas Perry (1994).

Memorial services for Craig were held June 1 at 1 p.m. at Gates AuSable Lodge, Grayling. The service was officiated by the Reverend Elizabeth Chace.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Anglers of the AuSable, 403 Black Bear Drive, Grayling, MI 49738.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

John P. Messer

Aug. 18, 1921 - May 19, 2003

John P. Messer, 81, of Roscommon (South Branch Township), died Monday, May 19, 2003.

No services are planned.

Arrangements by Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.

Lawrence Bernard Vitall

Jan. 1, 1931-May 28, 2003

Lawrence Bernard Vitall, age 72, of Lovells, passed away Wednesday, May 28, after a long and unsuccessful recovery from major vascular surgery in January, 2003. He was born on January 1, 1931 in Saginaw.

Lawrence was a graduate of St. Mary's Catholic High School and in June of 1948 he joined the United States Navy. He served on the USS Epperson and was honorably discharged as a Firecontrolman 3rd Class, in June, 1952. He graduated from Michigan State University.

On June 4, 1955, Lawrence married Joan Ileen Markey. Together they had two children. He retired in October of 1986 from Saginaw Steering Gear.

He is survived by his daughter Cindy Vitall-Heino, son-in-law Alec Heino, three grandchildren: Amber Serra, Tiffany Serra, and Ryan Vitall-Heino, all of Highland, and many nieces and nephews.

Lawrence was predeceased by his wife on May 11, 2003 and his son Terrance in 1958.

Lawrence's wishes were to be cremated without services.

Friends and family may choose to donate in his memory to the American Lung Association or the Kidney Foundation.

Arrangements by Elton Black and Son Funeral Home, 3295 East Highland Road, Highland, MI 48356.

Carol Jean Packard

June 1, 2003

Carol Jean Packard, 81, of Vero Beach, Florida, died Sunday, June 1 at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home in Charlevoix.

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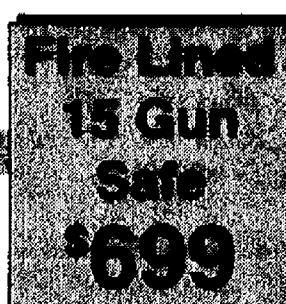
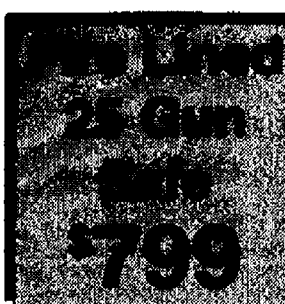
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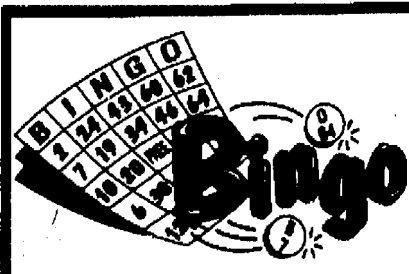


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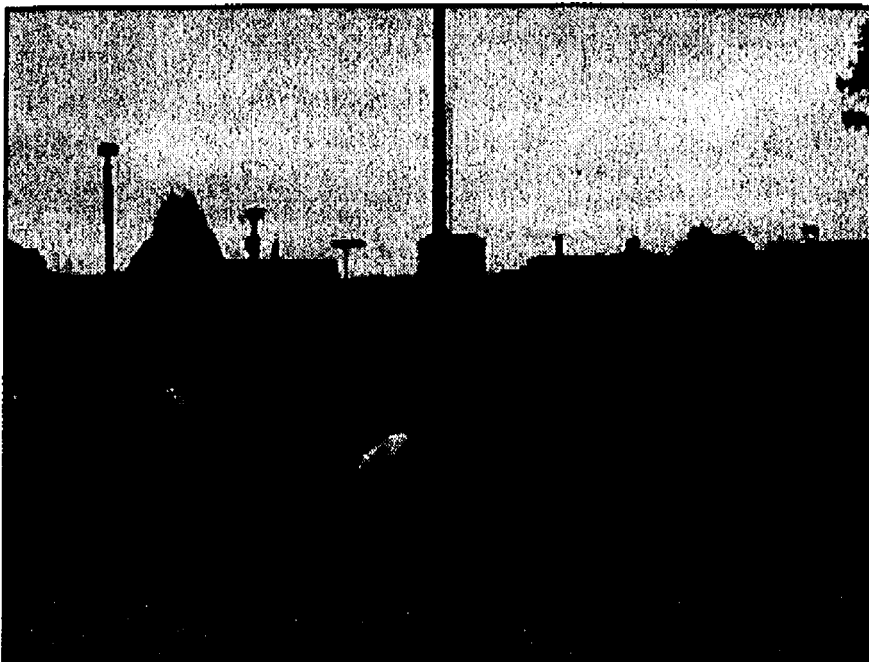
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Wellington Farm Park opens June 13

► First event of season is military re-enactment, set for June 21-22

Wellington Farm Park, near Higgins Lake and Grayling, will open for the 2003 season on Friday, June 13 with a schedule of 15 special events. The park is a 60-acre living history farm set in the year 1932. Of special significance this sea-

son will be a display in the Visitor's Center depicting the history of the community of Wellington, which existed from 1881 until 1918. Wellington was founded by Wellington Batterson, the first judge of Crawford County. Wellington Farm Park is a great place to spend a couple of hours enjoying the out-of-doors and learning about farm life of past generations. The park offers a Petting Barnyard, a Sawmill, Carpenter Shop, Grist Mill, Machine Shed filled with huge farm machinery and a Summer Kitchen.

The Farm also has a large picnic pavilion which is ideal for picnics, reunions and social gatherings of all kinds. It is also a popular setting for weddings and receptions. Anyone interested in reserving the park facilities for such an occasion should call the office at 1-888-653-3276 or visit the farm's web site at www.wellingtonfarmpark.org. The Farm Market at Wellington is open seven days a week, offering fresh vegetables, fruits, maple syrup, homemade soups, bird seed, animal feeds and gourds.

The Farm Park is available to the public seven days a week also, however interpreters are available only on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. There is an admission charge for days the interpreters are in the park.

The first event of the year at Wellington Farm Park will be a re-enactment of military events which took place during the 1760s in French and Indian War. The dates for the re-enactment are June 21-22. Troops of both British and French will be set up in the park and a re-enacted military encounter will take place each afternoon.

The Farm Folk, the park's volunteer group, will also be discussing the coming tourist season and making their plans to make sure the farm is ready for visitors on opening day and this year's 15 special events. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Wellington Farm Folk is encouraged to call Howard Taylor at 348-5187.

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State's long-term care task force to meet in Grayling

LANSING — A cross section of private citizens and experts on aging from throughout the state will join a blue ribbon task force formed by House Democratic Leader Dianne Byrum to find ways to improve the delivery of long-term care for patients and their families and expand consumer protections.

"It is heartening to see such an impressive group of individuals step up to the plate to offer their

time and talents toward finding creative solutions to the long-term care issues we are facing in Michigan," Byrum said.

The Task Force will hold its initial Northern Michigan hearing at Mercy Hospital in Grayling on Monday, June 9, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The public is welcome.

State Representative Matt Gillard (D-Alpena) is among more than 20 people selected to serve on the Michigan Long-

Term Care Task Force.

The Task Force has already held hearings this month in Flint and Warren. They are gathering testimony from consumers, families, long-term care providers, health care experts, advocacy groups and others. The information will be compiled into a report to be delivered to the full Legislature and Governor Jennifer Granholm.

Long-term care is a particular-

ly important issue to residents in Gillard's 106th House District, which includes the counties of Alpena, Alpena, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda and Presque Isle.

Seniors (defined as age 62 and over) comprise 23.6 percent of the population in those six counties, compared to the statewide average of 12.3 percent. The percentage of residents age 55 and over also is almost double the state's per capita average, according to the 2000 Census.

"Unfortunately, because of economic conditions and dramatic increases in the cost of health insurance, many seniors are unable to afford the kind of care that allows them to live independently in their own homes," Gillard said.

"It is frustrating to see loved ones and their families suffer through such heartbreaking situations. My hope is that we can provide some solutions to ease their burden," said Gillard, stressing the importance of using the task force's findings as a blueprint to build a legislative agenda on the issue.

"Saving for long-term care is an admirable goal, but the costs shouldn't price people out of their homes or rob them of their life savings," he said.

Mercy Hospital lab earns high marks

The Laboratory at Mercy Hospital Grayling received high marks for performance following an intensive three-day inspection by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. The Lab received a score of 96 out of 100.

"We are very pleased," said Diane Hagle, Director of Laboratory Services. "This is a comprehensive evaluation and we're very proud of everybody. It went very well."

Meeting the Joint Commission's rigorous national standards is an important bench-

mark for hospitals. JCAHO officials conduct an inspection of clinical laboratories once every two years. Hagle said the lab is always ready for inspection because it maintains high quality standards every day of the year.

The inspection involves evaluating the laboratory against hundreds of national standards related to quality control, safety, infection control, management of human resources in terms of staff qualifications and staffing levels, data tracking, instrumentation, and leadership.

The laboratory's high score

bodes well for the full hospital survey which will take place soon. JCAHO inspector Robert Jernigan said if the rest of the organization is managed like the laboratory, the hospital should receive an outstanding overall rating as well.

Mercy Hospital Grayling was selected by JCAHO as one of the few hospitals in the country to pilot a new survey that will be used to evaluate hospitals nationwide beginning in 2004. That survey will take place in late June.

State senator's first bill signed into law

LANSING — Senator Tony Stamas (R-Midland) announced that Senate Bill 180, a bill he sponsored which would prohibit state government agencies and departments from using fee telephone numbers to charge callers who want to access public information, was signed into law last week by Governor Jennifer Granholm.

Some state agencies, including the Department of Consumer and Industry Services, had been charging as much as \$1.50 per minute to access public information.

SB 180 is now Public Act 12 of 2003, indicating it is only the

12th bill signed into law this year. It is also the first bill to be signed into law for Stamas since joining the Senate earlier this year.

"It is an honor to have a piece of legislation make it through the process this quickly," Stamas

Few spots remain for trip to Moscow

Reservations on a memorable trip to Russia are still open. The July journey, to Moscow, Lake Baikal and Siberia, will focus on such outdoors activities as rafting, fishing and hiking on Lake Baikal, the largest freshwater lake in the world, and visits to Russian and local villages, tem-

pland. "I think it shows just how important it is that public information should be free of charge to hardworking, tax-paying citizens."

"I am happy my colleagues and the Governor agreed and saw fit to make this the law in such a

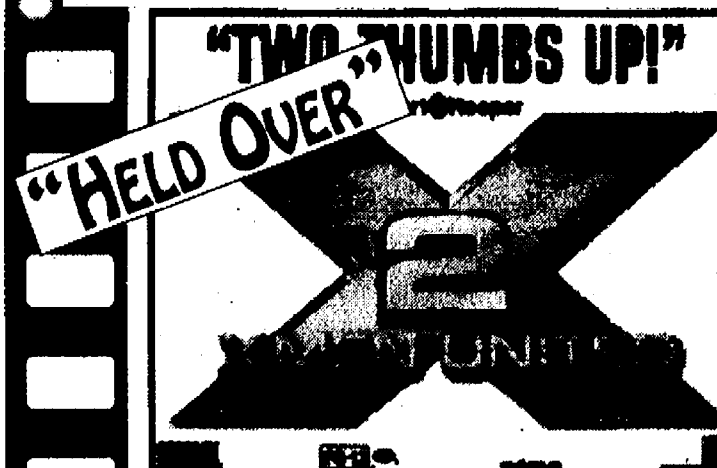
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Head Start studies life on the farm



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NEMSCA Frederic Head Start students recently visited Maple Forest Horse Farm after spending a week learning about life on a farm. At the farm, Ted, and Ali Baynham, with their son, Cody, showed the children and parents how to groom, feed, saddle and ride on a horse. Before leaving, the children got the opportunity to jump and climb on big rolls of hay for a great ending of an exciting day.

Merit Scholarship Award program saved

LANSING -- Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema said Congress' approval of nearly \$706 million in aid to Michigan -- including \$365 million in additional Medicaid funding -- means the Merit Award Scholarship will continue to make a college education affordable to tens of thousands of families each year.

Sikkema (R-Wyoming) also said the federal assistance, which Congress approved in late May, makes it possible for Republicans and Governor Jennifer M. Granholm to fund their budget priorities without raising taxes or drastic budget cuts.

"Everyone in Michigan wins with this federal aid," Sikkema said. "This means we can keep out commitment of providing greater access to health care to those who cannot afford it and our promise to reward students who work hard and stay in school."

At the end of May, Senate Republicans outlined plans to generate more than \$100 million a year through the "Driver Responsibility" and "Claim It Correctly" programs. Now that the federal government is helping states cover increased Medicaid costs, the pressure to use Merit Award funding for other purposes no longer exists.

Governor Granholm proposed diverting the money away from the Merit Award -- which comes from Michigan's share of the federal tobacco lawsuit settlement -- and using it to shore up Medicaid funding shortfalls.

"Merit is saved," he said. "Now that we have a clear path to balancing Michigan's budget, we can start tackling the other important issues facing the state -- without raising taxes."

In April, Senate Republicans started to hold hearings around Michigan to hear first-hand the importance of the Merit Award and to explain why preserving it is a top priority for the GOP majority.

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Best Buy Children's Foundation has awarded a scholarship to Tracy Parkinson, a 2003 graduate of Grayling High School. Parkinson who plans to attend Ferris State University next fall, is the daughter of Jeff and Jeanne Parkinson.

This year, the Best Buy Children's Foundation, through its partnership with Citizen's Scholarship Foundation of America, Inc. (CSFA), awarded more than \$2 million to graduating high school seniors and college undergraduates across the country.

Up to four students in every U.S. Congressional District and the District of Columbia -- 1,743 students overall -- will receive a scholarship valued from \$500 to \$2,500.

Scholarships were awarded to students who volunteer time to their communities, excel in acad-



Tracy Parkinson

emics, participate in extra curricular activities, and are entering or attending an accredited university, college or technical school.

The program is promoted by Dollars for Scholars and administered by Scholarship Management Services, both departments of CSFA.

50 years to be celebrated



Mr. and Mrs. Dale Clemens

Dale and Geraldine Clemens, of Grayling, were married on June 12, 1953 and will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with friends and family at an Open House in their honor, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., on Saturday, June 14, at Hanson Hills Recreation Area in Grayling.

Mr. and Mrs. Clemens have four children: Mark Clemens, Marianne (Russ) Harris, Dawn (Patrick) Ostrander, and Eric (Diana) Clemens. They also have eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during June 4 - June 10 is as follows:

The Range 40 Air to Ground Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during the following dates: June 2-5; June 9-10.

Small arms ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek: June 6-10.

Range 17, Hand Grenade Range located south of the main post, north of Carrier Road, east of Range 13 and west of Beaver

Creek (Military Road): June 6-8.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Occasionally, the Post Commander without additional notice to the public may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time.

This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371.

For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following 89 complaints during the period from May 18 - June 1:

Two traffic accidents, one private property accident, two traffic controls, one OUIL, one minor in possession, one B&E, two animal control, two larceny, four assist other departments,

nine juvenile, two property damage;

One fire response, three suspicious situation, two domestic, seven disturbing the peace, one attempt to locate, two city ordinance violations, three liquor law violations, five alarm, two civil, 27 unclassified, one permit to purchase and eight traffic warnings were issued.

Henions celebrate 25 years



Dave and Mariann Henion, of Frederic, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on April 15.

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Junior Deputies graduate



Fourth graders at Frederic Elementary were sworn in as Junior Deputies by Sheriff Kirk Wakefield May 27. After a year-long course where they were instructed in various aspects of safety and responsibility they received a certificate and badge. The new deputies are: (back row, left to right) Ashley Moery, John Pirich, David Bickmann, Breanna O'Reilly, Emily Miljure, Elizabeth Kengel, Abbey Thomas, Jessica Webb, and Joshua Prause. Front row: Rachel Nisch, Rosemary Graham, Cara Miller, Nicholas Jacobs, Allyssa Wilson, Samantha Martin, Jeremy Richardson, and Blake Wood. Absent Roger Heggie and Drake Kaul.



One hundred twenty nine fourth graders at Grayling Elementary graduated from the Junior Deputy program May 30. Program director Deputy Bill Bonkowski congratulated them and told them that some of their parents had probably been junior deputies since the program was more than 25 years old. After they were called up individually and given their certificates and badges they were sworn in by Sheriff Kirk Wakefield.

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CCC days to be featured in song and stories

Bill Jamerson, a storyteller and folksinger from Marquette, will perform songs about the Civilian Conservation Corps at three shows in northern Michigan this weekend.

Jamerson will perform at the 21st annual Michigan CCC Alumni Reunion at North Higgins Lake State Park on Friday, June 6 at 6 p.m. at the campground. On Saturday, June 7, at 7 p.m., he will be at the Logging Museum at Hartwick Pines State Park near Grayling, and on Sunday, June 8, the final show will be held at the Lumberman's Monument near Oscoda at 2 p.m.

Jamerson will perform with his guitar and tell stories about life in the federal works program created by President Franklin D. Roosevelt during the Great Depression. The CCC took hundreds of thousands of unemployed young men between the ages of 17 and 24 and put them to

work in camps located in the wilderness.

In Michigan alone, the CCC employed over 100,000 young men in 125 separate camps from 1933-1942. The CCC Boys were active in many conservation measures including planting hundreds of millions of trees, fighting forest fires, building parks -- both state parks and national parks, creating fish hatcheries and wildlife refuges and erosion control.

There is no charge for any of these programs, but for the shows at North Higgins Lake State Park and Hartwick Pines State Park, a state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry. Permits are \$4 for a daily permit, \$20 for an annual permit, and \$5 for a senior citizen annual permit (65 and over).

For more information, call (989) 348-2537 for the shows in Higgins Lake and at Hartwick Pines, and (989) 739-0728 for the show at the Lumberman's Monument.

City approves DDA formation

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Council members have been at odds over the size of the district throughout the process. Some councilmen have argued that a district too large could hamper the city's finances by capturing too much of its growth, and others have said the DDA would compensate for those losses by improving the overall health of the city's business community.

On Monday night, the council voted 3-2 to approve ordinance language creating a DDA in the city with boundaries that include, approximately, the businesses along James Street from M-72 East to M-72 West, plus the businesses on Michigan Avenue

from James Street to Spruce Street. The motion was made by Councilman Tom Wellman and it received a second from Councilman Jerry Hayes.

Prior to the 3-2 vote, a motion by Councilman Dennis Palmer to create a DDA, with a district significantly larger than the one approved, failed due to lack of a second. Palmer and Councilman Roger Moshier both voted "no" on the motion that passed.

The city must now create a DDA board. The board reports to the council and is responsible for planning projects within the DDA district. The council has not specified how it will select members to serve on the DDA board.

Voters to decide two school board seats

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file a Declaration of Intent on or before 4 p.m. on Friday, June 6.

Polls will be open Monday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Polling locations are as follows:

Precinct 1 - Grayling Middle School on Ogemaw Street in Grayling; this precinct includes all registered voters residing in Grayling Township, the City of Grayling, a portion of Beaver Creek Township, and a portion of Bear Lake Township in Kalkaska County.

Precinct 2 - Frederic Elementary School on Manistee

Street in the village of Frederic; this precinct includes all registered voters residing in Frederic Township, Maple Forest Township, and a portion of Otsego Lake Township in Otsego County.

Precinct 3 - Lovells Township Hall; this precinct includes all registered voters residing in Lovells Township.

No millage issues are to be decided in this year's school election.

Results of the June 9 election will be reported in the June 12 edition of the *Avalanche*.

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Hope College announced the second semester Dean's List for the 2002-2003 school year.

Among the students named were Jessica M. Barber and Lindsey S. Voelker, both of Grayling.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

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Local paddler earns trip to world kayak championships

Grayling native Steve Corlew, 22, will represent the United States at the Kayak Marathon World Championships in Spain September 27-28, 2003. He will compete in the two-man kayak race with fellow USA Kayak National Team member Ty Hagler, 23, of Gainesville, Georgia.

"It's like a dream to be able to wear USA on your chest and try to show you can compete with the best guys in the world," said Corlew. "But to sit down and think about it is kind of overwhelming, so I just try to work hard at it."

Corlew earned a trip to the World Championships by placing second with Hagler in the Marathon National Team Trials at the Lake Lanier Olympic Center, Gainesville, Georgia, May 18. Robert Clegg, Springs, Florida, and Barend Spies, Chattanooga, Tennessee, took first place with a time of 2 hours, 12 minutes, 6 seconds, and 63 one-hundredths beating Corlew and Hagler by 1 second and 17 one-hundredths. The top two teams at the event qualified for the World Championships.

Corlew also won the bronze medal in the one-man kayak marathon race. He finished in 2 hours, 23 minutes, 46 seconds, and 88 one-hundredths, just behind Clegg (2:22:50:63) and Spies (2:22:54:24). He was named alternate for the USA team in the marathon kayak one-man event.

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See "LOCAL PADDLER..."



Steve Corlew

Bobcats knock GHS out of play-offs



Photo by Caleb Casey

Grayling forward Jill Seager handles an airborne ball in last week's District soccer game against the Houghton Lake Bobcats at HL. The Bobcats won the match 9-0, ending Grayling's season. For more on the contest, see Page 5B.

VIKINGS FINISH REGULAR SEASON



(Left) Greg Morrill puts the ball in play for Grayling in the varsity baseball team's regular season finale against the Bobcats of Bay City John Glenn at GHS. (Right) Pitcher Chelsea Wolcott throws to first base after fielding a grounder in the GHS varsity softball squad's recent series vs. Bay City John Glenn. The doubleheader was the last one of the regular season for GHS. Bay City won both games of each doubleheader, baseball and softball. For more on the baseball team, see Page 14B. For more on the softball squad, see Page 3B.

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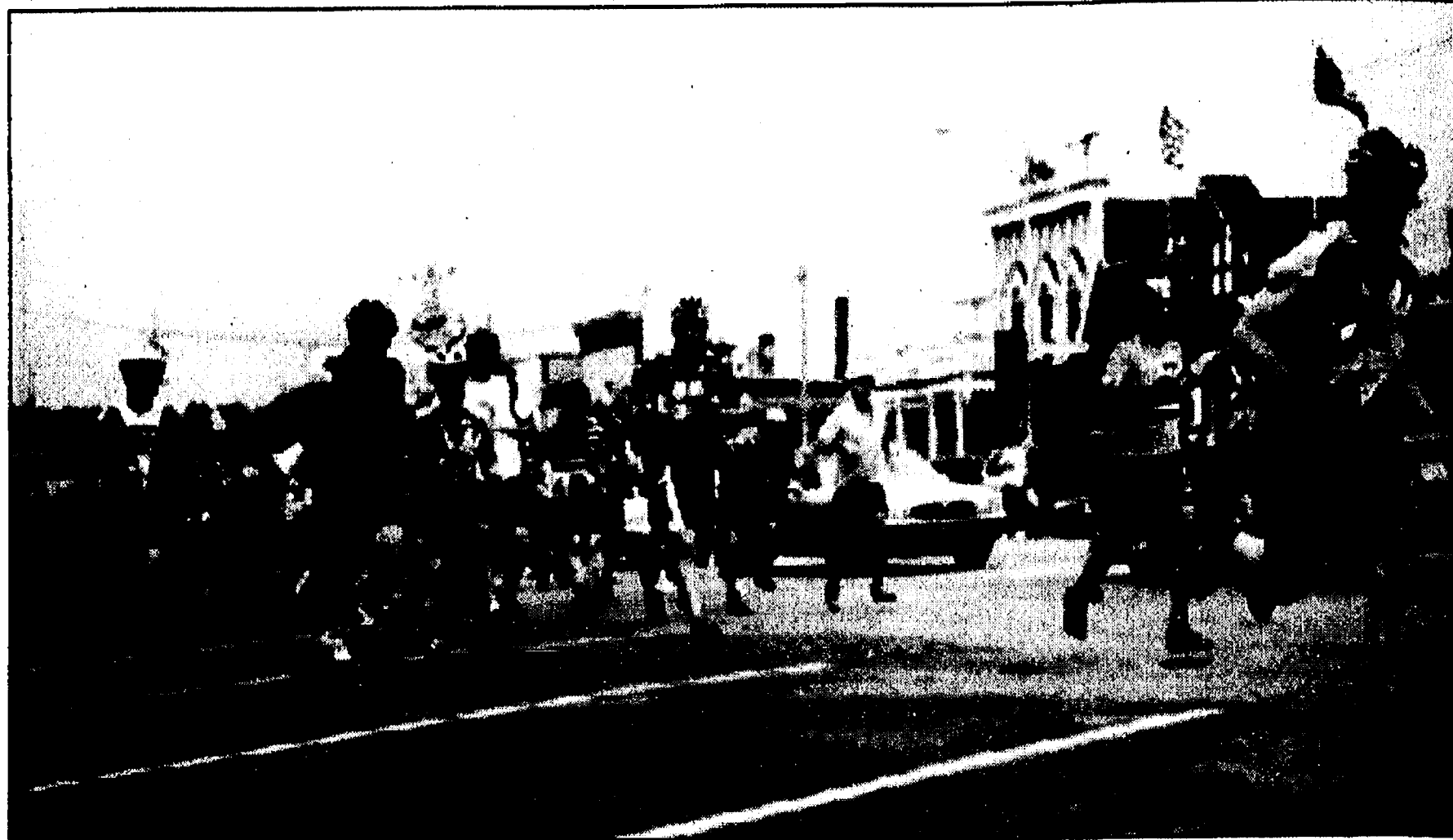
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Black Bear Bicycle Tour 2002 (running start)

Black Bear Bicycle Tour set for July 27

► Bicyclists to chase canoes to Oscoda during canoe marathon

The Avita Water Black Bear Bicycle Tour, an annual event that takes off from Grayling at 8 a.m. on Sunday of the last full weekend in July, is scheduled for July 27 this year. The event is held during the AuSable River Canoe Marathon.

The Black Bear Bicycle Tour offers many route and class options with the most popular being the Century Ride, 100 miles from Grayling to Oscoda on Lake Huron.

"If you work hard and pedal fast you can beat out the canoes racing down the AuSable River. You would beat them without breaking a sweat except for their 11-hour head start," event organizers said. "When crossing the finish line, congratulate yourself. You just rode 100 miles in one stretch."

The race starts with a one block run to your bicycles in the spirit of the AuSable River Canoe Marathon. The route travels through some beautiful scenery.

The cost to participate is \$15 before July 1, \$20 with the one day U.S.C.F. license. For those riding fast there's \$1,000 in prize money.

All money raised from this



Black Bear Bicycle Tour 2002 (start)

event goes to the work of the Grayling Rotary Club. Every year the Rotary Club provides free helmets to hundreds of children participating in the Grayling Bicycle Rodeo. Locally, the club has also funded everything from scholarships to the construction of non-motorized trails. Internationally, Rotary is working on the eradication of Polio from the planet by 2005.

The Black Bear Bicycle Tour - A Truly Unique Experience

"Even if you don't aim to beat the canoes, this race still offers something. There's the LeMans start for one. Since the canoeists have to carry their craft four blocks through Grayling to the AuSable River, we ask the bicyclists to run a block to their bikes in the great spirit of the AuSable River Canoe Marathon. It's up to you to figure out how you do it with your biking shoes. You can leave them on the pedals and then strap your feet in once you make it to your bike. You can wear them through the streets and then snap them into the pedals. Or, you probably can come up with another unique way to match this unique start."

"Then there's the scenery. This route travels through some of the most beautiful scenery in the world. The State Forest in the Mio area has been identified by Bicycling Magazine as one of the '50 Best Areas on the Planet to Ride.' Forests of towering

pinetrees and the AuSable River cutting through the land make for breathtaking views," organizers said.

Rotary's event chairperson, Wayne Koppa said, "The AuSable valley has great recreation opportunities with over 1,500 campsites, world class canoeing and fishing, and a half dozen of the best scenic overlooks in the Lower Peninsula. The bicycles are a perfect fit."

Riders from last year's race described the scenery as "beautiful" and a "very pretty course." Scott Collins from Bay City, who rode the entire 100 miles with his dad, thought the best part of the race was "riding along the AuSable River."

"Ask anyone who rode the route last year about the Rayburn property and you'll probably hear grumbling if not outright cursing. For those that don't know the name, it was the first river crossing just outside of Grayling and the road was very rough. People had flats and lost water bottles. It just wasn't fun. Maureen McWilliams summed it up best when she said it 'was horrible' and that she 'wouldn't want to do (the Avita Water Black Bear Bicycle Tour) again' if she still had to ride that 'road.' Well, we heard you. The Rayburn property is gone! The route has been redone to stick to the main roads. All the riders

we've spoken to, have been very happy with this development. If you missed our first two years, you are a lucky bicyclist. This year the roads are very good with only a few areas requiring you to watch your wheels," organizers said.

Besides the 100 miles straight to Oscoda, several loops exist that take riders back to Grayling. These loops are 6, 28, and 75 miles long.

Two riders can also split the 100 miles by having one of them wait in McKinley to ride the last 44 miles.

The racing canoes average from eight to nine miles per hour while a fast cyclist can average speeds of twenty-five miles per hour. Spectators are welcome along the course. The fastest bicycle riders are estimated with arrival times for the following locations:

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12:00 p.m.

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For more information on the Avita Water Black Bear Bicycle Tour, e-mail jerrygosnell@hotmail.com, visit www.grayling-area.com/blackbear2003 (has entry form and course map), or call Wayne Koppa, Event Chair, at (989) 348-2933, or Edward Elsner, Director of Publicity, 989-348-9214.

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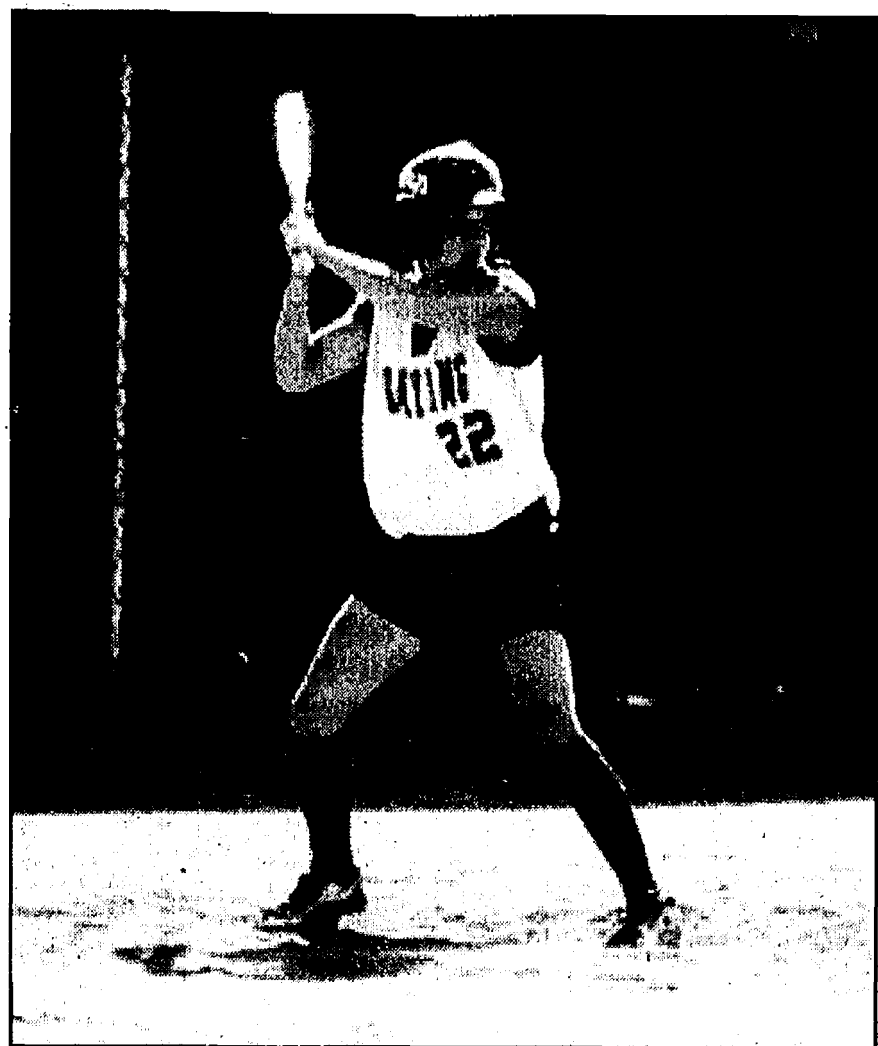
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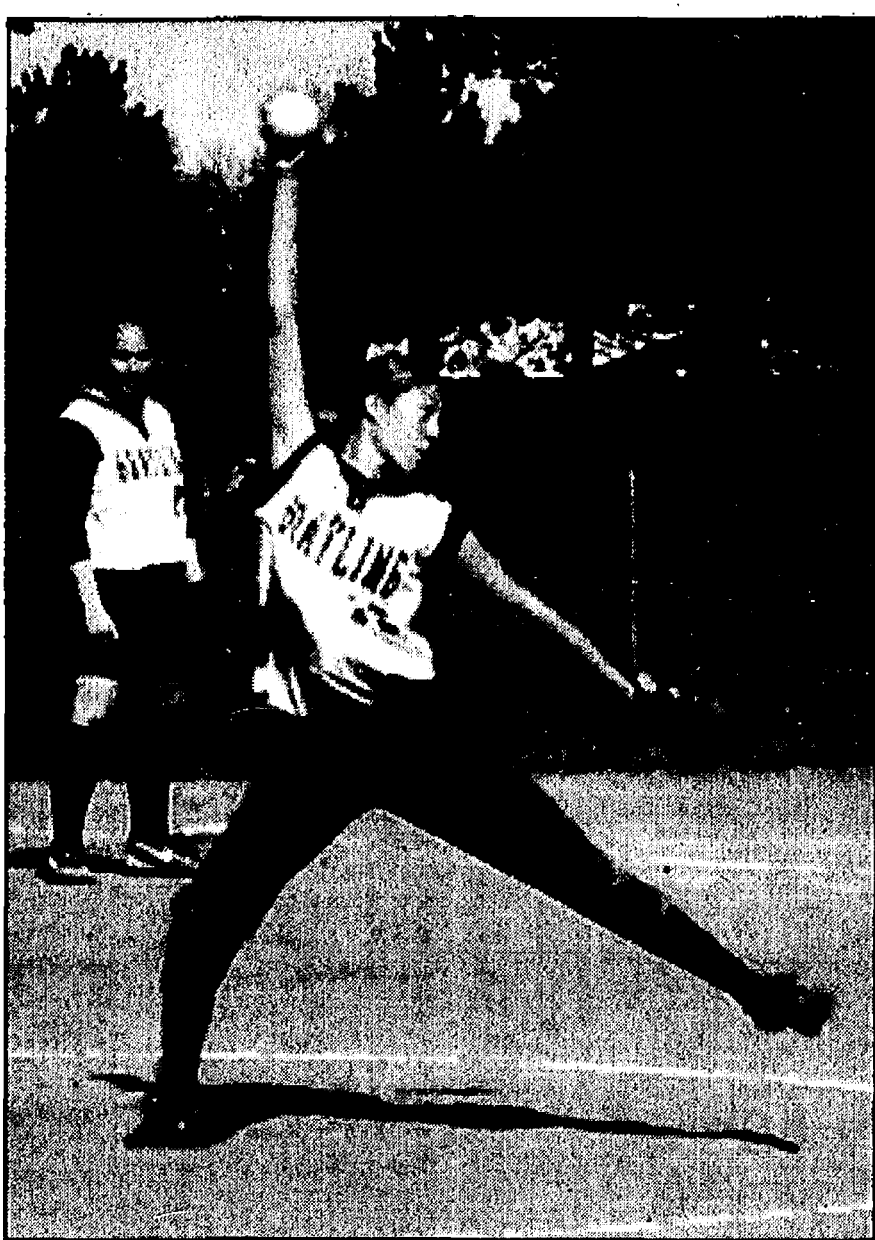
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Vikings finish regular season



Photos by Caleb Casey

Lexi Bondar bats for Grayling in the varsity softball team's regular season finale vs. Bay City John Glenn on May 22. John Glenn won both games of the doubleheader.



Chelsea Wolcott pitches for Grayling against Bay City John Glenn.



Shortstop Kelly Dunckley takes a defensive stance in game one of the Bay City doubleheader.



Skylynn Palmer squares to bunt in the series vs. Bay City John Glenn.

Track team ends 2003 season

► Ryan Schmidt takes silver medal in 300-meter hurdles event

Grayling High School's boys track squad finished its 2003 season with several team members competing in Roscommon's Sunrise Meet of Champions on Tuesday, May 27.

The Vikings had one medalist: Ryan Schmidt placed 2nd overall in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles with a time of 43.96. "He ran a great race," Coach Darnell

Wilson said. "He really picked it up. He was toe to toe with the first place guy, neck and neck, real close."

Other top placements for Grayling included:

• Pawel Wojcik, 5th, 110-meter hurdles, 19.25. "Pawel took 5th out of 12, which I thought was excellent," Coach Wilson said.

• Tim Umlor, 6th, discus, 124'09". "Tim did a great job in discus. He's really stepped up his game. He's helped us score team points when we needed them this year," Coach Wilson said. "I can't wait to work with him next year."

• Tyler Cragg, 6th, 100-meter dash, 12.15, 4th, 400-meter dash, 55.03. "A strong finish," Coach Wilson said. "He raced against some really tough guys. Some of the guys that beat him are going to State."

Grayling's 3200-meter relay team placed 4th at Sunrise with a time of 9:07.80.

"Our goal was to get better, and we accomplished that goal. We're going to be ready for next year. We've got a lot of off-season work ahead of us," Coach Wilson said. "I'm excited about next year and the year after that and the year after that."

Golf team misses State Finals by one place

► Vikings place 4th at Regionals in Big Rapids, top three go to State

At Regionals, at Katke at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, the GHS girls golf team

placed 4th — one place short of qualifying for the State Golf Finals — on May 19.

"We were very happy to take 4th place, even though the top three teams go to State," Coach Tanya Wolcott said. "Our team is young, so we have time to improve."

For Grayling, Kim Mitchell

led the way with a 104. Mallory Olson shot a 109, June Clark finished with a 118, Jessie Morley had 125, and Nicole Reyes ended the day with a 132.

William Dean for School Board



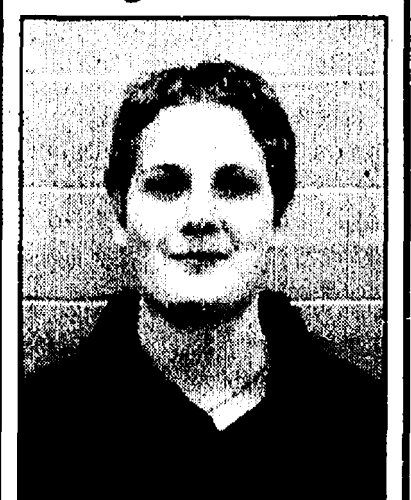
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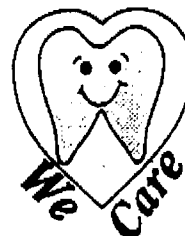
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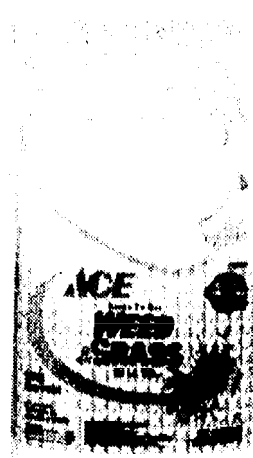
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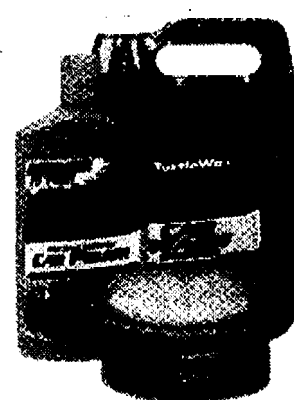
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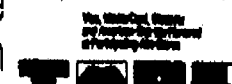
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Local paddler earns trip to world kayak championships

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During June 26-29, he will compete for the US world sprint team in Lake Placid, New York.

Corlew, who attends Western Michigan University and is earning a degree in education, is the son of Jim and Dalene Corlew of Grayling.

"His teammates are just amazed at how fast he keeps improving," said Dalene. "He's only been racing kayaks for a little more than a year now. He just has that drive in him and that's what it's all about."

During spring break of 2002, when many college students were thinking of beaches, beer, and rest, Corlew took a chance and headed to the Gainesville Olympic Training Center. He had been paddling and racing canoes since he was 13 but he had never raced in a kayak.

"At first I was training with the girls and the younger kids. I was really tippy in a kayak and using a slower boat from the 1970s. The coach said he could tell I had paddled a lot but I had no balance in a kayak and my stroke was more for a canoe. He videotaped me and gave me a tape of somebody good. They taught me a lot," said Corlew.

He went back to the Olympic Training Center for the summer. His first race in a kayak came immediately upon his arrival and only three days after he had finished a grueling eight-hour canoe race in New York.

"I was shot from the canoe race," he said. "I still had blisters all over. In my first kayak race I



Photo courtesy of Lake Lanier Canoe and Kayak Club

Steve Corlew of Grayling and Ty Hagler battle Robert Cleeg and Barend Spies in the 2003 USA Canoe Kayak Marathon National Team Trials.

just got killed, smoked. It was a three and half minute race and I was 50 seconds behind the winner."

He learned and steadily improved. By the end of the summer at the U.S. National Kayak Championships, Corlew took first in three races: the 500 and 1000-meter two-man events and the four-man 4000-meter competition.

"The highlight of the year was winning the K-4 race. We

worked together well and beat a team with four members of the national team."

In addition to his kayak achievements, Corlew is the current United States Canoe Association champion with Jacob Dubois in two-man canoe racing.

He has also raced the AuSable River Canoe Marathon twice, finishing 25th in his first one with his father Jim in 2000 and taking 7th place with Tim Valko

in 2001.

To help sponsor his trip to the World Championships in Spain, local supporters are accepting donations. Contact Tom Trudgeon, 800 Spruce St., Grayling, MI 49738, (989) 348-4508, for more information. All donations should be made payable to Steve Corlew.

For further questions you may contact the assistant coach, Lynn Dage at Lake Lanier Canoe and Kayak Club, (781) 710-7906.

GRAYLING COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

Submitted by Donna Thomson
Wednesday Ladies League

Wow, the Wednesday Ladies League had another beautiful day for golf on May 28, but this week it warmed up to temperatures we all know and love. It made for a great day on the links as this was our first day of actual "league" play.

In Flight A, there was a two-way tie between Sally McNamara and Donna Thomson with a low net of 31, while Treva McClanahan had low putts of 13.

In Flight B, Mary Hamblin had a low net of 34 and Bev

McNamara had low putts of 13.

In Flight C, Bev Ludeman had a low net of 34, and Rhea Gierke and Nancy Hoffman tied for low putts of 17.

We had two birdies today, one by Katy McNamara on #9 and one by Sally McNamara on #7. Also, there were two chip-ins today, one by Sharon France on #5 and one by Treva McClanahan on #4.

Obviously, the sun was making everyone shine all around the course.

We then enjoyed a nice lunch of a fruit plate or BBQ pot sandwich with apple pie for dessert.

Shirley Bendig gave us an update of our upcoming "Rally for a Cure" Day to be held on June 11, and most all plans are in place for a great day.

Well, not one to waste a beautiful day, quite a few of us went out for another round.

My poor plants may never get out of the box at this rate. That's all "fore" now.

KIRTLAND GOLF

THOMPSONVILLE - tie for 23rd overall to help keep Kirtland's Pat Jessie fired a three-round total of 238, finishing in a the rebuilding Firebirds out of the cellar in the Michigan

Community College Athletic Association state golf tournament.

Jessie fired rounds of 78-81-79 at the Crystal Mountain Golf Club early this month. Teammate Nick Sumara shot 82-90-86-258 to tie for 56th. Kyle Roman shot 90-100-85-275 and Jonah Schutte shot 89-93-105-287 for a team total of 1,058, five strokes better than Wayne County Community College.

Mott won the 14-team tournament with a stroke total of 920, followed by Schoolcraft at 925 and Grand Rapids Community College and Lansing at 928.

Justin Goyt of Oakland Community College was the individual medalist with rounds of 78-71-72-221. Nick Fuller of Grand Rapids was second at 72-77-76-225 and Nikos Markellos, of Schoolcraft, 77-72-77-226 and Chad Horner, of Lansing, 79-74-73-226.

All things considered, this was a decent year for his young team, Kirtland coach Mike Glover said. But it was hard to take after his squad finished much stronger a year ago when the Firebirds had two golfers in the top seven in the state.

Justin Zarzyski finished second and Mike Mieske finished tied for seventh. But Mieske tied for third in the regionals to qualify for the national tourney. Glover expects both Zarzyski and Mieske to return next season.

None of Kirtland's golfers qualified for this year's regional tournament.

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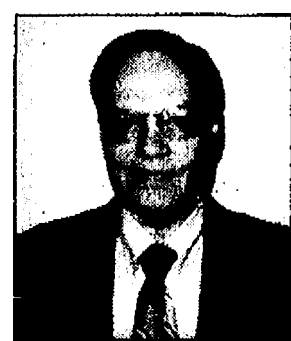
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Bobcats knock GHS out of play-offs



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Grayling goalkeeper Ashley Bancroft handles a corner kick in last Thursday's District soccer game against the Houghton Lake Bobcats at HL. The Bobcats won the contest 9-0.



Michele Belcher (left) races a Houghton Lake player to the ball in last week's District soccer match.



Emily Dunckley controls the ball for Grayling.



Jessica Pfaff fights to clear a ball from Grayling's defensive area.



Casey Mahaffy handles an airborne ball for Grayling.



Jill Seager fights for a ball against HL.

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LEGAL ACTION

CITY OF GRAYLING NOTICE

The Grayling City Council has scheduled a Public Hearing on Monday, June 9, 2003 at 7:30 P.M. at the Grayling City Hall, 1020 City Boulevard to receive public input regarding a proposed Sign Ordinance. A copy of this proposed ordinance is available at the Grayling City Hall at 1020 City Boulevard between the hours of 8:00 AM-4:30PM

Michele A. Moshier
City Clerk

Notice of a Public Hearing on Proposed 2003-2004 Budget

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Thursday, June 12, 2003 at 6:45 o'clock p.m. at the President's Board Room, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, Michigan, the Board of Trustees of Kirtland Community College will hold a public hearing to consider the district's proposed 2003-2004 budget.

The board may not adopt its proposed 2003-2004 budget until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2003-2004 budget including the proposed property tax millage rate is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the business office, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Trustees.

Sally Galer, Secretary/Treasurer

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Please be notified the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on June 16, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Meeting Room, 2090 Viking Way, to hear the following case:

Case #03-6: Sandra Moore, petitioner (Amended and tabled from 5-19-03)
044-027-02-020-07
T27N, R3W, Sec. 27
2488 River Park Dr.
NRD Zone (East Branch)

A request to construct a 32' x 42' residence with an attached 24' x 32' garage. Closest point of construction to the river will be 65' on one side, a variance of 29' and 57' one side, a variance of 37' (includes 6' rise in bank). Distance to the rear line will be 18', a variance of 32'.

Tentative text and zoning maps may be examined in the Township Office, 2090 Viking Way, during regular business hours.

Comments regarding this request may be made in person at the public hearing. Signed and dated correspondence may be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Telephone (989) 348-4361. No unsigned letters or telephone messages will be considered.

Terry R. Wright
Zoning Administrator

REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION

**NOTICE OF REGULAR ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF
CRAWFORD AUSEABLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
CRAWFORD, OTSEGO AND KALKASKA COUNTIES, MICHIGAN
TO BE HELD
JUNE 9, 2003**

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please take notice that the regular election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 9, 2003.

**THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND
CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.**

At the regular school election there will be elected two (2) members to the board of education of the district for full terms of four (4) years ending in 2007.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES:

William Dean
Lewis Madill
Gary J. Pettyjohn

Write-in candidates must file a Declaration of Intent on or before 4 p.m. Friday, June 6, 2003.

THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PRECINCT NO. 1

Voting Place: Grayling Middle School Building, in the City of Grayling, Michigan. The first precinct consists of all the territory of Grayling Township, City of Grayling, a portion of Beaver Creek Township, and a portion of Bear Lake Township (Kalkaska County).

PRECINCT NO. 2

Voting Place: The Frederic Elementary School. The second precinct consists of the territory of Frederic Township, Maple Forest Township, and a portion of Otsego Lake Township (Otsego County).

PRECINCT NO. 3

Voting Place: The Lovells Township Hall. The third precinct consists of the territory of Lovells Township.

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

This Notice is given by order of the board of education.

Melba A. Nunn
Secretary, Board of Education

Mortgage Sale

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael L. Cannoy, a married man and Tammy L. Cannoy, a married woman to Amerquest Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated March 4, 2002, and recorded on July 2, 2002, in Liber 587, on page 26 Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifty seven thousand four hundred sixty and 50/100 Dollars (\$57,460.50), including interest at 12.775% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of County Building, Grayling, MI, at 10:00 AM on July 2, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:

Lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 37, 38, 39 and 40, Block 6, Fourth Addition to Portage Lake Park, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01, Page 22, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 29, 2003

Attorney for Mortgagee
Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.
401 South Old Woodward Avenue
Suite 300
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616
For information call:
(248) 540-7701
Amerquest Mortgage Company
Mortgagee

-29-5-12-19

Foreclosure Notice

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William Niederman, A Single Man to North American Mortgage Company, a Delaware Corporation Mortgagee, dated November 20, 2001 and recorded November 27, 2001 in Liber 0561 Page 180 Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned assignment to: U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee for CSFB Mortgage Pass Through Certificates Series 2002-HE4, by assignment dated November 29, 2001 and received and recorded on May 30, 2003, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars and Seven Cents (\$160,562.07) including interest 10.375% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in

said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00AM. on Wednesday, July 9, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

A parcel of land in the North 1/2 of Northeast 1/4 of Section 19, Town 28 North, Range 1 West, described as: Beginning at a point known as the Section corner between Sections 17, 18, 19 and 20 and designated by an iron stake; thence South 1 degree 22 minutes East along the Section line between Sections 19 and 20, 583.35 feet, to the next iron stake which is known as the point of beginning for this description; thence continuing on a line of the bearing of North 83 degrees 40 minutes West, 208.7 feet, to an iron stake; thence South 1 degree 22 minutes East, 208.7 feet, to an iron stake; thence South 83 degrees 40 minutes East, 208.7 feet, to an iron stake; thence North 1 degree 22 minutes West, 208.7 feet, to an iron stake which is the point of beginning. Together with an easement over and across the Northerly 5 feet of subject property described in Grant of Easement recorded in Liber 427, Page 199, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 30, 2003 U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee for CSFB Mortgage Pass Through Certificates Series 2002-HE4.

Assignee of Mortgagee
Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
36150 Dequindre Rd. Ste 810
Sterling Heights, MI 48310
(586) 795-4400 Ext 111
Our File No: 03-13792

-5-12-19-26-3

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Leesha K. Patterson, a single woman, (original mortgagee) to Homestead USA, Inc., Mortgagee, dated May 7, 1999, and recorded on May 17, 1999 in Liber 481 on Page 484 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by assignment dated May 17, 1999, which was recorded on July 23, 1999, in Liber 486 on Page 459 Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Three Thousand Fifty-Six and 98/100 dollars (\$33,056.98), including interest at 7.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue,

at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on June 25, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:

Lot 5, Block 24, Roffee's Addition to the Village (Now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 22, 2003

For information, please call:
Team S (248) 593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File #200319205
Team S

-22-29-05-12

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James Arthur Hurst and Madeline Marie Chase, as joint tenants (original mortgagors) to Centex Home Equity Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 2, 2001, and recorded on February 12, 2001 in Liber 528 on Page 484 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fourteen Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Four and 84/100 dollars (\$14,954.84), including interest at 14.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on June 18, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:

Parcel: A parcel of Land located in the West ten acres of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 33, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, being further described as follows: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 33, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, thence North 89 degrees 37 minutes 04 seconds West along the North line of said Section 1155.66 feet for a point of beginning; Thence continuing North 89 degrees 37 minutes 04 seconds West 163.63 feet; thence South 00 degrees 08 minutes 33 seconds East along the West 1/8 line 443.62 feet; thence South 89 degrees 35 minutes 17 seconds East 163.63 feet; thence North 00 degrees 08 minutes 33 seconds West 443.70 feet to the point of beginning. All the same more or less, but subject to all legal highways.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale,

unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 15, 2003

For information, please call:
Team F (248) 593-1313
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File #200226648
Team F

-15-22-29-5

STATE OF MICHIGAN 46TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CRAWFORD COUNTY NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

46th Circuit Court, Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738

Case No. 03-6023-CH(M)

Mary Jane Bailey
204 Shirley Lane
Roscommon, MI 48653

Karen L. Brausa
1060 French Trail
Roscommon, Michigan 48653

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

1. On 05/08/2003 the 46th Circuit Court of Crawford County Michigan judges in favor of the plaintiff(s), Mary Jane Bailey and against the defendant(s), Karen L. Brausa.

2. On 07/31/2003 10:00 am at public auction to be held at Crawford County Building, 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738 in this county, I shall offer for sale to the highest bidder all of the right, title and interest of defendant(s) in and to the following property:

South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan

THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCEL 12:

Beginning at the West 1/4 corner of Section 20, Town 25 North, Range 2 West; thence North 0°15'03" East along Section line 662.45 feet, thence South 89°15'17" East 659.00 feet; thence South 0°15'03" West 661.3 feet; thence North 89°21'15" West along the 1/4 line 658.99 feet to the Point of Beginning. Being a part of the South 1/2 of the North West 1/4 of Section 20, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

Dated: May 23, 2003

Plaintiff Attorney
Gerard P. Brabant P31123
BRABANT & MANNIKKO, PLLC
P.O. Box 55, Roscommon, MI 48653
(989) 275-4365

Dana M. Anderson, Deputy County Clerk
-5-12-19-26-3-10-17

NOTICE BY PERSONS CLAIMING TITLE UNDER TAX DEED:

To the Owner or Owners of any and all interests in, or Liens upon, the Lands herein described, and to Thelma S. Cochran and to her unknown Husband, owners of last recorded title according to the Crawford County records, and to William D. Perry, Karen E. Perry, Marry Perry and their Unknown Spouses claiming ownership interest according to Crawford County records, and to their unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, and assigns, including those who are legally incompetent to act in their own behalf.

TAX NOTICE: Sale was lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes on that land, and that the undersigned has title to the land under tax deed issued for the land. You are entitled to a reconveyance of this land within 6 months after return of service of this notice, upon payment to the treasurer of the county in which the land is situated, of all sums paid for the tax sale purchase, together with 50 percent in addition, and the fees of the sheriff for the service or cost of publication of this notice. The service or publication costs shall be the same as if for personal service of a summons upon commencement of an Action, without other additional cost of charge. If payment as described in this notice is not made, the undersigned will institute Proceedings for possession of the land.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
State of Michigan, County of Crawford, Township of Maple Forest, Town 28 North Range 3 West, Section 16, Parcel C: Comm at N 1/4 cor of Sec 16, th N 89deg 38min W 814.46 ft. to POB, the S 0deg 18min E 671 ft, th N 89deg 38min W 165 ft, the N 0deg 19min west 671 ft, th S 89deg 38min East 165 ft to POB. 2.54 acres 100% Parcel Number: 20-020-016-005-070-00 100%
DEED NUMBER: 516
TAX FOR YEAR: 1996
AMOUNT PAID: \$136.47
AMOUNT NECESSARY TO REDEEM: \$204.71 (plus sheriff fees)
(signed) Farm and Forest Enterprises DBA of Collin K Burnett, P.O. Box 784, Saline, MI 48176

-15-22-29-5

FREDERIC TOWNSHIP NOTICE BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

The Frederic Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 2003-2004 at the Frederic Township Hall, County Rd. 612 on Tuesday, June 10, 2003. The budget public hearing will be held in conjunction with the regularly scheduled board meeting beginning at 7:00 pm. A copy of the budget is available for inspection at the township hall.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

Ronald D. Lewis
Township Supervisor

KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Kirtland Community College is accepting proposals for rubbish collection and removal services for truck-lift containers for the annual period beginning July 1, 2003 and extending through June 30, 2004 for the M-TEC facility located at 60 Livingston Blvd. in Gaylord, Michigan.

Proposals will be received until Thursday, June 19, 2003 at 3:30 p.m. in Kirtland Community College's physical plant office at which time they will be open and publicly read. All proposals must be submitted on the official bid sheet. Bid documents may be obtained in the physical plant office in the Art/Maintenance Building or by calling 989-275-500, Ext. 263 during regular business hours. The college reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and/or re-bid the project. Proposals must remain firm for a period of thirty days after the official bid opening.

Any questions regarding this project should be directed to JoAnn Comerford, Director of Physical Plant at 989-275-5000, Ext. 249.

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LEGAL ACTION

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are an active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Bruce Armstrong and Marvel Armstrong, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Commonpoint Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated April 16, 1998, and recorded on May 4, 1998 in Liber 452 on Page 455 through 461 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Franklin Credit Management Corporation, as assignee by an assignment dated December 10, 1999, which was recorded on May 31, 2000, in Liber 508 on Page 630 and 631 Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of seventy-three thousand five hundred ninety and 61/100 dollars (\$73,590.61), including interest at 14.770% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on July 9, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel 1: Part of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 19, Town 28 North, Range 1 West, and part of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 24, Town 28 North, Range 2 West, Lovells

Township, Crawford County, Michigan, Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 19, thence North 1 degrees 37 minutes 11 seconds West (along the section line), 1496.55 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 60 degrees 35 minutes West, 150 feet, thence North 18 degrees 53 minutes West, 256.97 feet, thence North 53 degrees 16 minutes 19 seconds East, 255.42 feet to the Section line between Section 19 and 24, thence South 1 degrees 37 minutes 11 seconds East (along said Section line), 37.16 feet, thence North 52 degrees 59 minutes 49 seconds East, 134.1 feet, thence South 26 degrees 13 minutes East, 285.40 feet (along the centerline of Twin Bridge Road), thence South 64 degrees 03 minutes West, 250.55 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Parcel 2: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 19, Town 28 North, Range 1 West; Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 19, thence 1 degrees 37 minutes 11 seconds West (along the West line of said Section 19), 1496.55 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 64 degrees 03 minutes East 250.55 feet to the Centerline of Twin Bridge Road, thence South 26 degrees 07 minutes East (along the centerline of Twin Bridge Road), 300 feet to the centerline of County Road 612, thence South 50 degrees 58 minutes West (along the centerline of County Road 612), 100 feet; thence South 53 degrees 53 minutes West (along the centerline of County Road 612), 100 feet; thence South 57 degrees 01 minutes West (along centerline of County Road 612), 100 feet; thence North 18 degrees 53 minutes West, 355.20 feet to the Point of Beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 month(s) from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 5, 2003
For information, please call:
Team D (248) 593-1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File #200317362

Mortgage Sale

As a debt collector, we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Notify us at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Dennis M. Bausman and Vicki L. Bausman, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to Commonpoint Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated the 16th day of September, 1997 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 26th day of September, 1997 in Liber 438 of Crawford County Records, page 553, said Mortgage having been assigned to The Bank of New York, as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of November 30, 1997, Series 1997-D on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Eighty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Sixty One and 91/100 (\$89,561.91), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 11th day of June, 2003 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 11.2500% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All

that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Situated in the State of Michigan, County of Crawford and in the Township of South Branch.

Being Lot 69, and part of Lots 60, 61 and 62 of the recorded plat of River Forest, being part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, of Section 21, part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 28, and part of the North 1/2 of section 29, all in T25N, R2W, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as commencing at the Southwest corner of lot 69 for a point of beginning; Thence North 33 degrees 46' West, 167.00 feet; Thence North 24, degrees 09' West 82.2 feet; Thence North 50 degrees 18' East 200.00 feet; Thence North 60 degrees 11' East 100.00 feet; Thence South 17 degrees 15' East 37.6 feet; Thence South 32 degrees 40' East 204.74 feet; Thence South 43 degrees 28' West 60.2 feet; Thence 190.5 feet along the Arc of a 9 degree 28' 30" curve to the right, the long chord of which bears South 52 degrees 29' 30" West 189.71 feet; Thence South 61 degrees 31' West 50.0 feet to the point of beginning.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: May 8, 2003
Fabrizio & Brook, P.C.
Jonathan L. Engman (P56364)
Attorney for the Bank of New York
888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 1470
Troy, MI 48064
248-362-2600
The Bank of New York, Mortgagee
08-15-22-29-05

TO THE OWNER OR OWNERS OF ANY AND ALL INTERESTS IN, OR LIENS UPON THE LANDS HEREIN DESCRIBED: Take notice, sale was lawfully made of the following

described land for unpaid taxes on that land, and that the undersigned has title to the land under tax deed or deeds issued for the land. You are entitled to reconveyance of this land within 6 months after return of service of this notice, upon payment to the treasurer of the county in which the land is situated, of all sums paid for the tax sale purchase, together with 50% in addition, and the fees of the Sheriff for the service and cost of publication of this notice. The service and publication costs shall be the same as if for personal service of a summons upon commencement of an action. If payment as described in this notice is not made, the

undersigned will institute proceedings for possession of the land.

DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND:
State of Michigan, County of Crawford, Parcel 1 Part of the S 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Sec 28 T25N R2W South Branch Twp, Comm at the E 1/4 cor of said Sec 28 th N 89d 18m W along the E & W 1/4 line 1646 ft to the pob th cont N 89d 18m W 329.20 ft th N 0d 04m 07s E 1329.24 ft to the N 1/8 line th S 89d 21m 20s E along the N 1/8 line 328.92 ft th S 0d 03m 26s W 1329.56 ft to the pob containing 10.04 ac. Also subject to & use of 66 ft rd & utility easement as recorded in L170 P120 & 121. Amount paid: 1995 taxes \$234.15, 1996 taxes \$242.33.

Amount necessary to redeem \$714.72 plus the fee of the sheriff, and the cost of legal publication.

Ronald and Joann McClain, 39463 Edgevale, Sterling Heights, MI 48313.

To: Lewis Sykes, last know address 16159 Sorrento, Detroit, MI 48235, last grantee in the regular chain of title of such land or of any interest therein as appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County, and to their heirs and assigns.

-15-22-29-5

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 03-6592DE
Estate of Clarence Joseph Sampier, Deceased, Date of birth: 04/28/18
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Clarence Joseph Sampier, who lived at 310 Golfview Drive, Grayling, Michigan, 49738 died January 25, 2003.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Barbara Swope, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Kyle T. Legel P59523
2373 S. I-75 Business Loop
P.O. Box 665
Grayling, MI 49738
(989)348-5232
Barbara Swope
14950 Wamples Lake Road
Brooklyn, MI 49230
(517)592-5321

-22-29-5

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2003-2004 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 11, 2003 at 6:00 P.M. in Roscommon, Michigan the Board of Education of the C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District will hold a public hearing to consider the district's 2003-04 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2003-2004 budget until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2003-2004 budget, including the proposed tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at 11051 North Cut Road, Roscommon, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Bernadine A. Dosch, Secretary

MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Maple Forest Township will hold a Budget Hearing on Tuesday, June 10, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. at the township hall on Sherman Road. At such time, in addition to regular township business, budgets covering estimated revenues and proposed expenditures of the General Fund and EMS Fund for Fiscal Year 2003-2004 shall be submitted for consideration. ***The property tax millage rate proposed to be leveled to support the budget will be subject to this hearing.** A copy of the proposed budgets will be available for public inspection at the township office during regular business hours.

Susan M. Keenes
Township Clerk

NOTICE BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

Clean up for disposal of used household appliances and furniture.

Saturday, June 7, 2003
Merrio Road Transfer Site
7:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M.

No Building Materials
No Car Parts
No Appliances With Freon
No Yard Waste

You must present a current dump sticker (teal/silver in color) or you will not be allowed to dispose of refuse.

Grayling Township Fire Charges Ordinance 2003-01

Adopted by the Grayling Township Board of Trustees on May 14, 2003, to go into effect July 1, 2003

An ordinance to establish charges for fire department services under Michigan Public Act 33 of 1951, as amended (compiled Law 41.08, etc.) and to provide methods for the collection of such charges and exemptions therefrom.

The Township of Grayling, Crawford County Michigan, ordains:

Section 1: Purpose

The within ordinance is adopted for the purpose of providing financial assistance to the township in the operation of a fire department from those receiving direct benefits from the fire protection service. It is the further purpose of the within ordinance to provide for full funding of the fire department operation which remains, in part, an at-large governmental expense based upon the general benefits derived by all property owners within the township from the existence of a township fire department and its availability to extinguish fires within the township and perform other emergency services.

Section 2: Charges

The following charges shall hereafter be due and payable to the township from a recipient of any of the following enumerated services from the township fire department:

All emergency (the immediate threat to life or property) fire and rescue services within Grayling Township.....\$500 per instance.

Section 3: Terms of payment

All charges shall be due and payable within 30 days from the date the service is rendered and default of payment shall be collectible through proceedings in the district court or in any other court of competent jurisdiction as a matured debt.

Section 4: Exemptions

- False alarms
- Fires involving township buildings, grounds, and/or property.
- Fire service performed outside the jurisdiction of the township under a mutual aid contract with an adjoining municipality or government agency.
- Fires involving State of Michigan property on which the state already pays the township for fire protection on an annual basis.
- Fires within Grayling Township, but which the Grayling City/Township Fire Department is the assisting department due to limitations of manpower or equipment.

Section 5: Collection of Charges

Grayling Township may proceed in district court by suit to collect any monies remaining unpaid and shall have any and all other remedies provided by law for the collection of said charges.

Section 6: Non-Exclusive Charges

The foregoing charge shall not be exclusive of the charges that may be made by the township for the costs and expenses of maintaining a fire department, but shall only be supplemental thereto. Charges may additionally be collected by the township through general taxation after a vote of the electorate approving the same or by a special assessment established under the Michigan statutes pertinent thereto. General fund appropriations may also be made to cover such additional costs and expenses.

Section 7: Multiple Property Protection

When a particular service rendered by the township fire department directly benefits more than one person or property, the owner of each property so benefited and each person so benefited where property protection is not involved shall be liable for the payment of the full charge for such service previously outlined. The interpretation and application of the within section is hereby delegated to the township fire chief subject only to appeal, within the time limits for payment, to the township board and shall be administered so that charges shall only be collected from the recipients of service.

Section 8: Severability

Should any provision or part of the within ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the same shall not effect the validity or enforceability of the balance of this ordinance which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 9: Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect on July 1, 2003. All other or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

STATE OF MICHIGAN DISTRICT COURT CRAWFORD COUNTY FAILURE TO APPEAR

200 WEST MICHIGAN AVENUE
GRAYLING, MICHIGAN 49738

Case No. 03-1619-SC-1

Value Corral-Plaintiff

2370 S. Otsego Ave

Grayling, MI 49735

989-732-3498

vs

Kimberley Ann Sitarski-Defendant

You are being sued.

Appearance date: 6-9-03

Appearance time: 8:30 am

Place: District Courtroom

200 W. Michigan Ave

Grayling, MI 49738

989-344-3800

Failure to appear by defendant in the civil case may result in a default judgement being entered.

If you intend to employ a lawyer s/he should be notified of the date at once.

-22-29-5

STATE OF MICHIGAN 46TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT KALKASKA COUNTY PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF FRIEND OF THE COURT ANNUAL STATUTORY REVIEW PUBLIC NOTICE

Annual Review of Performance Record of the Friend of the Court
Under Michigan law the chief circuit judge annually reviews the performance record of the Friend of the Court. The review will be conducted on or about July 1, 2003. This review is limited by law to the following criteria: whether the Friend of the Court is guilty of misconduct, neglect of statutory duty, or failure to carry out the written orders of the court relative to a statutory duty; whether the purposes of the Friend of the Court Act are being met; and whether the duties of the Friend of the Court are being carried out in a manner that reflects the needs of the community. Members of the public may submit written comments to the chief judge relating to these criteria. Send your written comments, with your name and address, to:

Honorable Alton T. Davis
Chief Judge
200 Michigan Avenue
Grayling, MI 49738

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 03-6640-DE
Estate of Craig Scott Perry, Deceased, Date of birth: 07/05/47
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Craig S. Perry, who lived at 4908 Riverwood Dr., Grayling, Michigan, 49738 died May 28, 2003.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Donna Perry, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Avenue Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: May 30, 2003
Donna Perry
2918 Alsand Circle
Lansing, MI 48906
517-321-0760

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SYNOPSIS BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD Regular Meeting May 12, 2003

The regular meeting of the Township Board was called to order at 7:00PM. Board members present: Balmes, Riley, Mobarak, Little and Hartman. There were 8 guests present.

Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Seconded and carried.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Seconded and carried.

Reports given by Supervisor, and the Firechief regarding the Fire Department & Township Planning, and H.L.A.C. Report.

There were 8 pieces of correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Balmes to pay \$20 for the Supervisor to join the Michigan Assoc. of Supervisors. Seconded and carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Annual meeting June 25, 2003 at 7:00PM

2. Salary Resolutions

3. Budget Hearing June 9, 2003 at 7:30 during regular meeting.

4. Motion by Little to sponsor a child for the summer program for AuSable Valley Youth Service Bureau. Seconded and carried.

5. Motion by Balmes to have a backup system installed. Seconded and carried.

6. Motion to pay AP bills, seconded and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Sharon K. Hartman
Clerk

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FACTS AND FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

**23 Years Ago
June 5, 1980**

The 1980 Grayling High School Valedictorian is Mark Whaley. Jeffrey Schrader is the Salutatorian for the class.

The tourist attraction at Hanson Hills known as Little Smokey chugged out of its home on Memorial Day weekend. The attraction was sold to the Monroe County Fair, where it will resume operations.

The Grayling Boosters Club awarded seven scholarships to senior students. Those receiving the award were Todd Dunkley, Lisa Weiss, Stephanie Fick, Toni Trudgeon, Scott Reynolds, Mark Whaley and Carol Farren.

Voters will go to the polls next Monday to consider a school millage proposal calling for renewal of 17.90 mills for operation of Crawford-AuSable schools for the 1980-81 fiscal year.

Arthur Thayer, retiring middle school teacher and former elementary teacher and principal, was honored with a retirement dinner on May 21.

Distance runner Beth Jones brought home two third place finishes last Saturday in state girl's track finals.

The Grayling Women's Softball League opened its 1980 season on May 27.

Sixteen students from Grayling High School's Spanish Department will be flying to Mexico for a week's visit.

Elections were held to elect

class officers and student council officials at the Grayling High School for next year. The new class officers are Shawna Watters, Student Council Vice-President; George Morse, Sophomore Class President; Shirley Gravelyn, Student Council Secretary and Junior Class Representative; Scott Dunkley, Student Council President; Holly Nunn, Senior Class President; Mika Fijolek, Junior Class President; Doug Mansfield, Student Council Treasurer, and Monique Petrosky, Middle School eighth grader who will serve as Freshman class president for next year.

Michigan State Police Sergeants James Berglund and Michael Nowak, along with Grayling City Patrolman Karl Schreiner, received special live-saving awards last week from Dr. James Robert Howenstine.

The amazing Grayling Middle School Girl's Track Team traveled to Petoskey and claimed the second invitational Championship trophy within a weeks time, by finishing on top of the Petoskey Middle School Invitational Track Meet.

The Grayling Leader Dog Club began February 3, under the direction of leader Nancy Hatfield who has already had two successful leader dogs. She is raising another dog with the help of her 4-H group.

The City of Grayling has had a profusion of lilacs, spiraea and

other flowering shrubs this spring. They seem to be very abundant this year.

**46 Years Ago
June 6, 1957**

Richard Moore and Donald Roberts are the two juniors at Grayling High School who have been chosen to attend the 20th Wolverine Boys' State, held at the Michigan State University.

The Alumni banquet held Saturday at the Grayling High School gymnasium seated one hundred thirty five. Each alumni was introduced over the public address system by Robert LaMotte, of the class of 1933.

Both Frederic and Grayling Boy Scout Troops have accomplished a "good turn" for the tourists coming to Crawford County. Both troops have marked a scenic "off the regular route" trail. The Frederic Scouts have marked a trail from Frederic to Deward and return. The trip takes the tourists to the site of the famous lumber mill town.

Play will get under way next Monday evening at the Grayling Memorial Recreation Area in a 56 game schedule of the Crawford County Softball League.

Tommy Dutton of Grayling was thrilled with a brand new, free bicycle. He was one of the lucky winners in a contest offered at the B. and C. Supermarket.

**69 Years Ago
June 7, 1934**

Frederic High School is holding its annual commencement exercises this week, when eight young men and women are to receive their diplomas, as follows: June Horner, who is presi-

dent of her class together with Ilmae Welch, are the valedictorians, and Erma Barber, secretary, is salutatorian. The other members are Liland Charron, treasurer; Vance Horner, vice president; Helma Corsaut, Martha Vollmer, and John Feldhauser.

You will remember last Friday, when the mercury registered 103 in the shade, well that's the day that the Seniors chose for their annual "skip" day. They will remember the day's memories despite the heat.

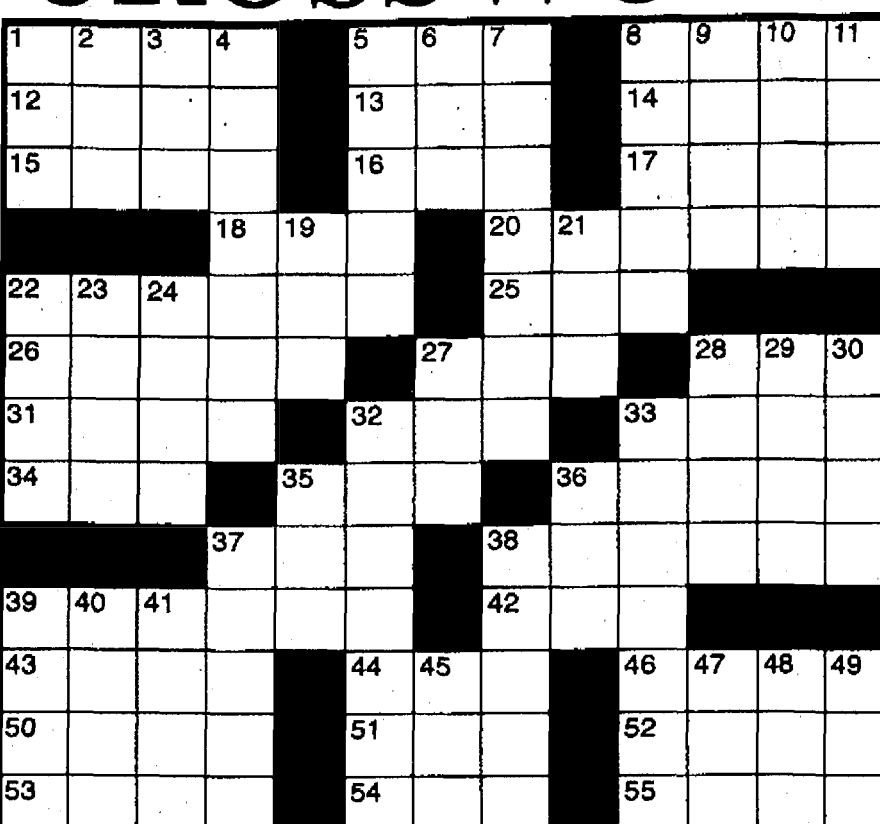
Fifty pigeons were liberated by E.N. Darveau, express agent, Sunday in the race put on by the North Road Open Homing Club of Detroit. Some time ago Grayling was designated as one of the race stations to fly the pigeons from. The pigeons were shipped to Grayling from Detroit in a crate, arriving on the morning train and were then liberated. Mr. Darveau said they circled around a few times and then headed south for Detroit.

**92 Years Ago
June 6, 1911**

R. Hanson and Sons are building a fine new planing mill at "T" Town. The foundations are of solid concrete. The frame is up now and the building will be enclosed in another week. They expect to have the mill running full blast not later than August.

The Loyal Americans, Bay City's fast amateur ball team crossed bats with our local club last weekend. Saturday's game saw a 4 to 3 win for Grayling, but Sunday's game was called off in the 11th inning due to rain. The score still standing was 4 to 4.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Pointed remark
5. Chant at certain Olympic performances
8. Courtroom panel
12. Oxford, for one
13. _____ sequitur
14. Sheriff Taylor's boy
15. The biggest continent
16. Tax figurer: abbr.
17. Minute amount
18. _____ Rio, Texas
20. Sixpenny piece
22. Abuse verbally
25. Approves
26. Microwaves
27. I _____ Camera (2 wds.)
28. Common street name
31. Was in glee club
32. "Unsafe at _____ speed" (Nader)
33. Photo flaw
34. Forster's Howard's _____
35. Wacky fellow
36. Story with a moral
37. Songwriter Farrell
38. Miami daily
39. Watchtower
42. New England cape
43. Understanding phrase (2 wds.)
44. Pitcher Guldry
46. Biblical sellout
50. Legal holding
51. Type _____
52. Talks nonsense
53. Responds to a "Jeopardy" clue
54. Public notices
55. Cries noisily

DOWN

1. Youth group: abbr.
2. Sounds of appreciation
3. Hugh Capet, e.g.
4. Forming droplets
5. Towel-tossing word
6. Bribe
7. Sculptor's course
8. Connects
9. Thereon
10. Formal service
11. One-fifth of a lustrum
19. Loop trains
21. Police blotter initials.
22. "_____ of Washington Square"
23. Actor Adams of Smoke Signals
24. Peddle
27. Tiny toiler
28. Island off Corsica
29. Break in the action
30. Wilbur Post's talking horse (2 wds.)
32. Setting for The Sound Of Music
33. Google and Rubble
35. Elizabeth Dole, _____ Hanford
36. Boggy area
37. Small songbirds
38. Winner of back-to-back acting Oscars
39. "Monster" of Mexico
40. Thrift shop tag (2 wds.)
41. Stink
45. Ancient _____
47. _____ Tomé
48. Police dept. alert
49. Ocean-going initials

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



The Appeal Of Fresh-Fruit Pie

Bumble Berry Pie

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|----------------|---|
| Crust | 3 cups Unbleached All-Purpose Flour |
| | 1 Tbsp. confectioners' sugar |
| | 1 tsp. salt |
| | 1/2 cup butter |
| | 1/2 cup vegetable shortening |
| | 5 Tbsp. ice water |
| Filling | 1/3 cup Flour Unbleached All-Purpose Flour |
| | 2 Tbsp. butter |
| | 1 cup granulated sugar |
| | 1 cup raspberries |
| | 1 cup blueberries |
| | 1 cup strawberries, sliced |
| | 1 cup rhubarb, sliced |
| | 1 cup chopped apple |
| | 2 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice OR 1/4 tsp. lemon oil |

Crust: Whisk together flour, sugar and salt, then use a pastry blender to cut in the butter and shortening. Mix till the mixture is crumbly. Drizzle just enough water over the mixture to make it cohesive, tossing till it begins to come together. (You may use a food processor, if you like.) Gather it into a ball, and divide it in half. Flatten one half into a disk, and the other into a 3-inch diameter log (about 2 inches long). Wrap each in plastic wrap, refrigerate the disk for 30 minutes, and freeze the log.

Filling: Mix together flour, butter and sugar; toss this mixture with all of the fruit and lemon juice or lemon oil.

Assembly: Roll the flattened disk of pie crust into a 12-inch circle, and lay it gently into a 9-inch pie plate. Spoon in the filling. Remove the pastry log from the freezer, and use the medium-to-large holes of a grater to shred it atop the pie filling. Sprinkle with coarse sugar, if desired.

Baking: Bake the pie in a preheated 450°F. oven for 15 minutes. Reduce the oven heat to 375°F., and bake for an additional 45 to 50 minutes. The pastry should be light brown, and the filling bubbly. Remove the pie from the oven, and cool it for at least 1 hour before serving. (The pie will be too runny if sliced while still warm.) Yield: 1 pie, 8 servings.

FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?

Did You Know

Lake Baikal in Siberia, Russia is the deepest lake in the world. At its deepest point it is 5,371 feet. (just over a mile)

CONNECT the dots

HOROSCOPES

For the Week of June 5, 2003

 Capricorn December 22-January 19 Appearances are not all that they are cracked up to be. Don't spend too much time on yours, or you may miss out on something fun.	 Aries March 21-April 19 A long-lost friend returns to share their good fortune. Get reacquainted with a night on the town. Travel may be in the near future.	 Cancer June 22-July 22 It's entirely too soon to start thinking about another home improvement project. The last one went way over budget. Take a break and focus your efforts elsewhere.	 Libra September 23-October 22 Life's little problems keep cropping up, but you're so resourceful you always seem to know what to do. An acquaintance will notice and nominate you for a key position in an organization.
 Aquarius January 20-February 18 A friend has received good news but doesn't seem excited. Find out if something is wrong, but don't push. Everything may be fine and your friend may just be tired.	 Taurus April 20-May 20 You have difficulty opening up, but this week, you'll have no other choice. Take a deep breath and spill the beans! You'll feel much better afterwards.	 Leo July 23-August 22 An accounting glitch may occur. If you don't do something about it right away, it could turn into a costly hassle later. Don't delay!	 Scorpio October 23-November 21 Quality is something you have come to expect, and this week, you will not be disappointed as an employee presents a finely tuned proposal. Reward them well.
 Pisces February 19-March 20 You will experience more angst this week at work than you thought possible. Don't worry about it—everything will work out in the end.	 Gemini May 21-June 21 Success lies ahead. Enjoy it while it lasts. An unexpected phone call results in a flurry of activity. Keep a cool head.	 Virgo August 23-September 22 A business associate likes your proposal. Give yourself a pat on the back and keep up the good work. A surprise is headed your way!	 Sagittarius November 22-December 21 It doesn't seem possible, but you have finally cleared off your desk. Your boss will notice and present you with an even bigger project.

Adopt a Pet

June is a Adopt-A-Cat month! Bonnie is a 4 to 5 month old spayed female. She is a very loving domestic medium hair. She is leukemia tested and has all of her shots.

There are still a few Dog-Opoly, and Wild Animal-Opoly games available! Cost is a donation \$25 each and all proceeds go to help the animals in our care. Creature Comforts Cookbooks are still available for a donation of \$15. Call the shelter for details or stop in the Avalanche for either item.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County
is located at:
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling
 Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall
 Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 3 pm; Sun. and Holidays 8 am - 11 am
 After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week				Extended Forecast (Courtesy of the Weather.com)						
Date	H	L	Rain	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
5/28	74	40		High 70	High 73	High 66	High 67	High 67	High 69	
5/29	76	50	.04	Low 49	Low 51	Low 50	Low 46	Low 48	Low 50	
5/30	68	40	.01	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Scattered T-Storms	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Scattered Showers	
6/01	62	44	.27							
6/02	56	33								
6/03	65	35								
6/04	71	36								

ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

Crawford County Avalanche

Classifieds must be paid for in advance

Display Advertising Rate - \$6.90 per column inch

Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 noon, Monday

Classifieds by the word rate - \$5.00 for 15 words or

less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing:

www.townnews.com/avalanche/

Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday

1. Real Estate

AUSABLE RIVER Knotty pine interior, two bedrooms, one bath, basement, attached two car garage. 28 x 32 detached garage, 1414 Ole Dam Road. \$199,000 (989) 348-9415 (-5-12/1)

1. Real Estate

LOG HOME on 234' AuSable River. Three bedrooms, three bath. 2304 sq. ft. Two car attached garage, all wood interior shed. \$199,500 Call owner (989) 344-8032. (LR6/19/03/1)

1. Real Estate

MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN Properties www.century21grayling.com (177/991/1)

LOW LOW MORTGAGE Rates Loan Closing three weeks or less. Northland Area Credit Union. 1-800-336-2328 (8/8/021/1)

1. Real Estate

ALMOST NEW 1200 square foot manufactured home on three wooded acres near state land. New stove and refrigerator. New well and septic. New pole barn. Secluded setting, paved road, 208' frontage. \$57,900 (248) 627-7622 (-5-12/1)

1. Real Estate

TWO BEDROOM log cabin, knotty pine on three acres. Fireplace, deck, doorwall, skylight, completely remodeled. \$59,000 firm. Near AuSable. (248) 641-0978 (-5/1)

LAKE MARGRETHE Complete remodel, interior Pickled Pine, two bedrooms walk in closets. Two bath, Oak kitchen with island, laundry, stone fireplace, attached garage, utility shed, chain link fencing. \$189,000 Phone (989) 348-4485, (517) 323-4202. (-5-12/1)

1. Real Estate

THREE RESIDENTIAL Building lots close to town. \$8,500 each. Natural gas. (989) 348-6938. (4/17/031/1)

FIND THAT VACATION CABIN OR HOME in the Avalanche For Rent Classifieds 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811

AUSABLE RIVER MAIN-STREAM This four bedroom ranch home features 185' of secluded river frontage, 2 1/2 car attached garage, 12' x 18' deck, carpeted and paneled basement and all new appliances. \$159,500 See details at HTTP://GoneHome.com/037534 or call (989) 348-1263. (-15-22-29-5/1)

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP Vacant lots for sale. 1/2 acre wooded, main road. \$13,900 each. Krausmann Realty. (248) 333-8888 (LR6/19/03/1)

A ROOF OVER YOUR HEAD can always be found in the Avalanche Real Estate Classifieds 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811

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This home has it all! Seclusion, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, full basement, beautiful stone fireplace, hardwood flooring, attached garage and plenty of new updates to include furnace, central air, water heater, toilets, sinks, all doors, decking, and hardwood floors. Family room in basement has knotty pine walls! \$109,998 #5119 Ask for Connie!

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Don F. Bowers
Commercial/Investment Specialist
Phone: (989) 348-7966

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RE/MAX OF Grayling

CRAIG HINKLE
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CHARLES BOWEN
Associate Broker

New Listing

CONVENIENTLY LOCATED HOME IN THE CITY OF GRAYLING! 1,456 s.f., 3 B/R, 2 bath, spacious kitchen, dining room with built in hutch, living room with dry bar vaulted ceilings, master bedroom suite with garden tub and walk-in closet, 28 x 38 garage, partially fenced back yard. CH-1765 \$52,500

New Listing

1,500 +/- FRONTAGE ON AUSABLE RIVER 33 Acres surrounded by U.S. Forest Land. Seller will divide into (3) 11 acre parcels at \$120,000 each subject to sellers 1031 tax exchange. Quarter mile frontage on blacktop. CH-1753 \$120,000

Price Reduced

SPOTLESS RANCH HOME 980 s.f. ranch home, 2 B/R, 1 bath, large master bedroom with vanity & sink. Interior freshly painted, new carpet, new appliances, new doorwall and new plumbing fixtures. Most furniture included less than one 1 year old. Immediate occupancy. Country setting yet very close to amenities. CH-1747 \$79,900

SPACIOUS HOME ON SECLUDED 2.5 ACRES WITH GORGEOUS LANDSCAPING. 2,014 s.f., 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, knotty pine vaulted ceiling, rec. room with sunken hot tub and wood stove, large breezeway, low E glass porch, knotty pine kitchen, new wood flooring, and two skylites. 3 car attached garage, 24 x 40 pole building, fenced back yard, pool with extensive decking. Hutch in kitchen does not stay. CH-1734 \$114,900

RE/MAX

Above the Crowd!

IDEAL LOCATION IN THE CITY OF GRAYLING only 3 blocks from town and schools. 1,101 s.f., 3 B/R, one bath, full basement, drywall ceilings, updated electric & plumbing, new roof in 1999, new storm windows in 2002, original doors and interior trim, and 20 x 24 garage. CH-1728 \$55,900

471 FEET AUSABLE RIVER WITH 2.75 ACRES. Tranquil setting with lots of wildlife. Custom built home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths with 1800 sq. ft. Open floor plan with living room, family room, kitchen and dining area. Master bedroom offers walk in closet. Computer room or den off upstairs bedroom. Full finished basement with laundry facility. Hot tub off back deck. Hot water heat (wood or propane). Manicured lawn with 55 sprinkler heads and 4 zones. 2 garages (attached & detached). CS-1674 \$199,000

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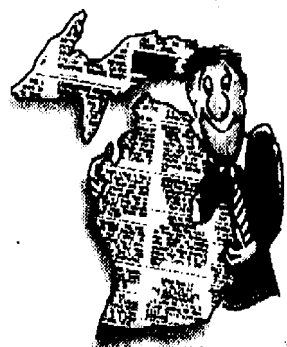
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! River House Shelter is looking for volunteers to do outside maintenance and lawn mowing for the summer season. Of you are interested in this or other volunteer positions, please call Sandy Lewis at 989-348-3169 for more information about how to become a River House Shelter Volunteer.

HAVE SOME EXTRA TIME?

River House is looking for additional volunteers. Volunteers can assist with transporting clients, answering phones, child care, assisting in the shelter. We are looking for individuals who can come on a regular basis, but those who prefer to help sporadically are also welcome. If you would like to see if your interests and talents match the needs of River House, call Sandy Lewis at 348-3169 for more information about applying to volunteer.

8. Announcements

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! You can help the women and children who come to River House Shelter by volunteering your time to be a shelter assistant. Volunteers are needed Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Call Sandy Lewis at 348-3169 for more information about this and other volunteer positions.

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9. Announcements

HISTORIC MUSEUM needs volunteers now! Without your help museum may close! Learn about local history while guiding visitors through time. Will train; high school students needing Community Service hours and senior citizens welcome and encouraged! Shifts are 10:1-00 and 1:00-4:00. Call Curator Bob Ruddy at (989) 348-6294 or (989) 348-7333 for more information or to volunteer today! (-5/8)

CAN DRIVE & Hot Dog Sale. Proceeds for Grayling High School Football. Sponsored by Rochettes IGA, 508 N. James, Saturday, June 7, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Also, bottle and can drop off on Friday, June 6, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Northend Grocery, Frederic; 7-Eleven, Grayling, and Ole Barn (M-72 West and M-93) Grayling. (-29-5/8)

GRAY ROCK CAFE Karaoke every Friday and Saturday night, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. 2123 Industrial Drive, Grayling. (989) 348-5181 (3/13/03tf/8)

STEVEN'S FAMILY CIRCLE has extended its hours for summer. Now open Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. till 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 8 a.m. till 9 p.m. New summer menu and cool treats. (-5/8)

10. Garage Sales

GARAGE SALE Thursday, June 5, 10 a.m. 4014 N. Old 27 three miles north of high school. Two family. Cookie jars, rocking chairs, collectibles, toys, tables, a little of everything. Rain or shine. (-5/10)

GARAGE SALE June 6, 7, 8. Homemade crafts. Generator \$400. Riding lawn mower \$125. Lots of stuff. Directions: off Jones Lake Rd. to Woodland to 2983 Palmer Place, four miles out of town follow signs to dead end. (-5/10)

300 ELM ST. Friday, Saturday, Sunday. 9:00-5:00 (-29-5/10)

MOVING SALE Everything must go! 2887 West M-72 toward Mio. Friday, Saturday, Sunday. 8:00-4:00. (-5/10)

GARAGE SALE Tools, clothes, furniture, guns, household items, trucks, etc. Friday - Saturday. 8:30 - ? 1386D Ole Dam Rd. (-5/10)

THREE FAMILY Garage Sale. Friday only! June 6, 9:00-5:00. 6961 Pollock Bridge Rd. Antique hunting decoys, furniture, bathroom building materials. Miscellaneous Household items. Hundreds of pairs of new earrings. Plus a "free" table. (-5/10)

9. Personals

Happy Birthday Dad!
Thanks for Everything!
Love,
Anne, Simon & Greg

Happy Birthday
Monty Midwell
Love, Todd, Sheryl
& Samantha

10. Garage Sales

Help Send The Kids To Camp!
Grayling Eagles Coney Day
Friday, June 6, 2003
11:00 - 7:00 p.m.
FREE LUNCH DELIVERY
Coney Dogs - \$1.25
Chili Cheese Basket - \$3.00
French Fries - \$1.00
Bake sale to run while goods last!!

10. Garage Sales

GARAGE SALE Michigan Avenue and Erie. June 6 and 7, Friday and Saturday, 9-? Shower door, laundry tub, clothes for all, table, books, lots of miscellaneous. (-5/10)

GARAGE SALE June 6 and 7, 9:00 till ? Weather permitting. 7848 W. Five Mile off Military Rd. Hawley residence. (-5/10)

SATURDAY ONLY June 7. Kayaks, air compressor, kids toys, books, collectibles, swing set, miscellaneous. 1414 Ole Dam Road. 8:30-4:30 (-5/10)

ESTATE SALE/GARAGE SALE 4161 White Pine Dr., Roscommon. Friday - Saturday, June 6-7, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tools, guns, autos, appliances, boat and trailer, furniture, men's clothes, books, electronic equipment, household furnishings and other miscellaneous items. Everything must go. White Pine Dr. is north of N. Higgins Lake Rd. off S. Grayling Rd. (-5/10)

NICE GARAGE SALE June 6 and 7 starting at 8:00 to ? It will be held at 401 Lake St. the brick house on the corner across from Catholic Church. The following items are for sale: nice clothing all sizes, bedding, crafts, wreaths, birdhouses, Christmas decorations, furniture, knick knacks, kitchen items, rugs, nice miscellaneous and priced to sell. (-5/10)

GARAGE SALE 6-8 June from 9-4 p.m. Rain or shine 1124 Little John Ave., Sherwood Forest. Household items, tools, etc. (-5/10)

GRAYLING CO-OP PRESCHOOL is looking for donations for our yard sale. If you have any clean usable items to donate please call Kim at (989) 344-0345. (-5/10)

804 PARK Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 9:00-4:00. (-5/10)

GARAGE SALE One day only! Saturday, June 7, 8:30-4:00. 808 Maple St. Several families. (-5/10)

10. Garage Sales

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June 13 & 14
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Legislature's first days documented at web site

At the end of 2002, for the first time in the history of any state or national legislature, every action of an entire legislative session and every vote of every legislator had been described in concise, plain English, and recorded in a searchable electronic public database.

The feat was accomplished by MichiganVotes.org, a free public service of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy.

This year, in the first 100 days of the new 92nd legislature, MichiganVotes.org has described all 956 bills, 131 amendments, 149 resolutions, and 102 roll-call votes of the session. No bills have been signed into law.

Anyone with Internet access can search the legislative database by legislator, keyword, bill number, and 40 subject categories. Users can also create custom voting record guides for senators or representatives. Citizens interested in particular issues, such as education, the environment, or property taxes can register for e-mail alerts of legislative action on those issues.

MichiganVotes.org manager Jack McHugh and recent upgrades allow users to view descriptions of House and Senate resolutions, searchable by legislator, keyword, number, and subject category. MichiganVotes.org users may also receive automatic e-mail notifications of action on resolutions.

"Resolutions add an important dimension to understanding the positions and records of legislators," McHugh said. "While some are fluff, others are important declarations of principle or substantive policy proposals."

Among the latter he cited res-

olutions to extend term limits, cap university tuition, and require super-majority votes on tax hikes. A recent resolution required senators to take a position for or against the Iraq war, not just "in support of the troops," he said.

Mackinac Center President Lawrence Reed said his organization's "first-of-its-kind public legislative database was not produced by government officials spending taxpayer dollars, but by a nonprofit organization supported entirely by private, voluntary contributions."

Reed said he believes MichiganVotes.org is elevating political dialogue in the Great Lakes State. "Politicians often use outrageous mischaracterizations of particular votes to tar opponents or puff their own records," he said. "MichiganVotes.org gives citizens an instant truth meter by which they can measure the pronouncements of elected officials. The web site levels the playing field between citizens and Lansing insiders."

The idea is catching on. A nonprofit policy research institute in Washington state has worked with Mackinac Center officials to launch WashingtonVotes.org for that state's part-time legislature. Institutes in other states are also considering emulating the Mackinac Center's service.

In the 2001-2002 legislative session, MichiganVotes.org served to inform citizens, community leaders, business people, journalists, and public officials about legislation that affects their families, schools, jobs and communities. The web site provides tools for citizens to take a more active part in the democratic process, and hold their elected representatives accountable.

Holiday tree search is on

Springtime seems to have arrived only recently but for some in Michigan the focus is on the Capital's great annual holiday tradition.

Management and Budget Director Mitch Irwin announced recently that the State of Michigan and the Michigan Timbermen's Association will conduct their 17th annual holiday tree search.

The Holiday Tree must meet certain qualifications to be considered, however the search is open to any individual or organization.

The tree specifications are as follows: it must be a Spruce or Fir, at least 65 feet in height;

with a maximum crown diameter of 30 feet and a trunk diameter of no more than 30 inches. It must also be reasonably close to roads so that trucks can transport it and be available at no charge.

Those wishing to participate should send information including a contact name and telephone number, the location and specifics regarding the tree and, if possible, a photo of the tree, by June 15, to:

Holiday Tree Search, State of Michigan, Department of Management and Budget, Tenant and Land Services, P.O. Box 30026, Lansing, MI 48909.

Miss Michigan Teen pageant seeks entrants

Entry packets are available for Michigan teen women between the ages of 14 and 17 interested in competing for the title of Miss Michigan Teen.

The Miss Michigan Teen Scholarship Program is sponsored by the Local Association

of Michigan Pageants (LAMP) organization, and is a fund-raiser for that organization designed to prepare and educate young women for local Miss programs. Contestants must have lived in Michigan for at least six months.

The pageant, set for 7 p.m. on Saturday, August 23, will be hosted at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills.


Competition areas are: interview and platform, 40 percent; two-minute talent, 30 percent; casual wear, 10 percent; evening wear, 10 percent; and overall composite, 10 percent.

Contestants will arrive at the Holiday Inn - Farmington Hills on Friday, August 22 for a 6 p.m. dress rehearsal, with competition to follow the next day. The new Miss Michigan Teen will receive a scholarship and crown. Four runners-up will also be recognized.

To receive an entry packet, call Frederic Zoschke, President, LAMP, at (269) 428-4999 or email him at: frederic@miss-southwestmichigan.org by July 1, 2003.

Crossword Answers

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FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

FEET INJURIES & THE LAWNMOWER

Approximately 25,000 Americans suffer injuries in power lawnmower accidents each year. Injuries range from serious lacerations to amputated toes. To prevent a lost toe, serious infection, or severed tendon, pay close attention to safety when operating a lawnmower. Protect the feet by wearing heavy shoes or work boots. Sneakers and sandals are unsafe and bare feet are extremely dangerous. Mow across slopes rather than up and down the lawn. Avoid pulling a running mower backwards, and never mow a wet lawn. The mower should have a handle release mechanism that stops the mower automatically when you let go. Keep clip bags attached to prevent injuries from projectiles like sticks and pebbles. Keep children away when mowing the lawn.

If you are the victim of a foot injury, we urge you to seek professional attention as promptly as possible. Early intervention and state-of-the-art treatment can keep you on your feet. And at Grand Traverse Foot & Ankle Center, P.C., we'll also suggest ways you can avoid foot problems in the first place. Feet are crucial to your body's welfare. Treat them accordingly with regular podiatric attention and timely emergency care. Call us at 922-9100 & 1-800-968-7440 for an appointment at 1209 E. 8th Street, Traverse City. Offices in Traverse City, also Kalkaska Memorial Health Center Monday & Wednesday afternoons and evenings.

P.S. Slipping on a wet lawn is the most common cause of foot injuries from lawnmower accidents.

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CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

WEEKDAY SCHEDULED SERVICES TO:

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Leaves Grayling	6:45 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	9:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	11:30 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	3:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	5:00 p.m.

LOVELLS

Leaves Grayling	9:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	11:30 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	3:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	5:00 p.m.

M-72 EAST

Leaves Grayling	6:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	7:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	9:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	11:30 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	1:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	3:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	5:00 p.m.

M-72 WEST

Demand Response Service
Calls Worked in Between Other Runs

BEAVER CREEK & ROSCOMMON

Leaves Grayling	7:30 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	11:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	1:00 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	2:15 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	4:30 p.m.

*The 1:00 p.m. south run does not go all the way into Roscommon.

To Request Weekday Demand Response Services
Call Dispatch @ 348-5409.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR CHILDREN LESS THAN 10 YEARS OLD

- Children less than 4 years of age must be accompanied by a parent, babysitter or other responsible person when riding on a CCTA vehicle.
- Children, less than 6 years of age, are to be retained on the bus at the point of destination until a responsible adult, or prequalified babysitter walks to the bus and assists the child in exiting the vehicle.
- A complete copy of related program policies will be provided upon request.

NON EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

Transportation dependent individuals requiring services to health care facilities providing specialized medical services not available locally may qualify for nonemergency medical transportation services. For information regarding this program contact: Dave Frederick @ 348-8215

SPECIAL EVENT TRIPS**:

Scheduled For June 2003

Trip #1
Date: Tuesday, June 10, 2003
Destination: Victoria's Casino-Petoskey
Departs Grayling 8:30 a.m.
Arrives back in Grayling 4:00 p.m. (Approximately)

Trip #2
Date: Thursday, June 19, 2003
Destination: West Branch
Event "Out to Lunch Gang Trip"
Lunch at the Lumberjack Restaurant & Shopping at Outlet Mall
Sponsored by the Crawford County Commission on Aging
Contact Elouise Mize @ 348-7123 to Reserve a Seat
Depart Grayling: 10:00 a.m.
Arrives back in Grayling: 4:00 p.m. (approximately)

**Special Event Trips Require: (1) a minimum of twenty-two passengers; and (2) that passengers less than 18 years of age be accompanied by a responsible adult.

To Reserve Seats or Request Information Concerning Special Event Trips
Call Richard or Gary @ 348-4101

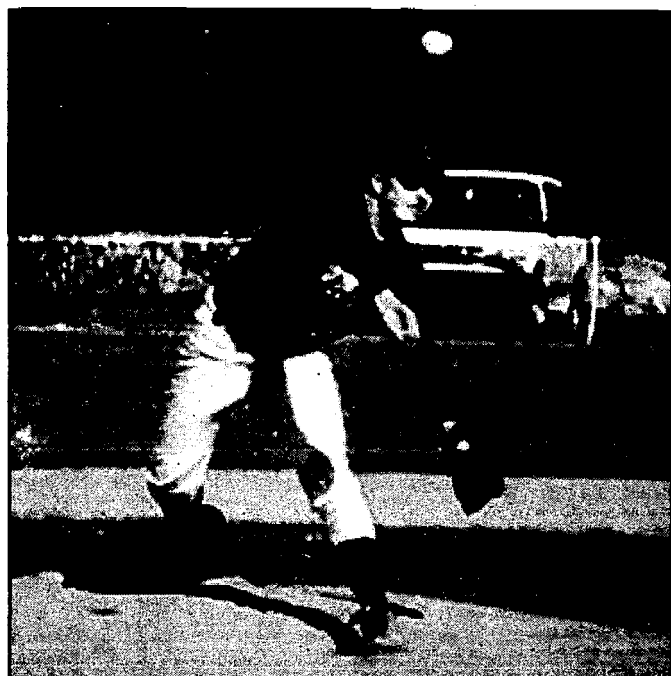
Vikings finish regular season

The GHS varsity baseball team finished its 2003 regular season with two losses to Bay City John Glenn at GHS on May 22.

BCJG won the first game of the doubleheader 12-0.

Adam Kaiser was the leading hitter for Grayling in the contest at 2 for 2.

In game two, the Bobcats won 6-1. Greg Morrill and Andy Strohpaal both batted 2 for 3 for the Vikings.



Andy Strohpaal pitches for Grayling in the series vs. Bay City John Glenn on May 22.



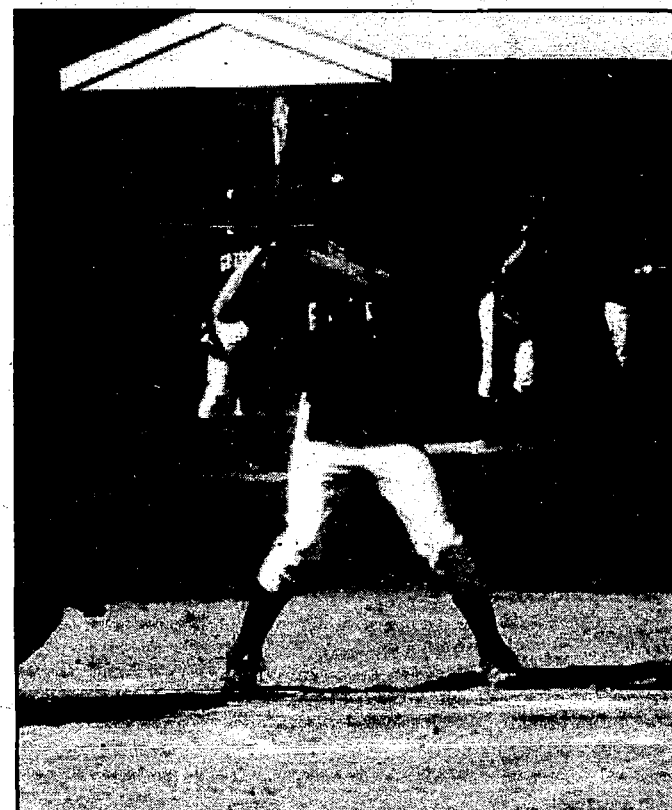
D.J. Metzger leads off at first base.



Third baseman Ryan Davis awaits a pitch.



Roy Czapek completes his wind-up while pitching for Grayling in game one of the Bay City series.



Joe Lange bats for Grayling in game one of the doubleheader vs. BCJG.

Two Vikings earn all-league honors

► Kaiser and Lange named to all-conference 2nd team in NEMC

Two Grayling High School varsity baseball players - Adam Kaiser, a senior, and Joe Lange, a junior - earned all-league honors in the North East Michigan Conference in 2003. Both players were recently named to the all-conference "2nd team."

Kaiser, the team's shortstop, batted .361 with six RBI and 6 stolen bases in North East Michigan Conference games this season. Overall, Kaiser hit .358 (with 1 HR, 1 3B, and 4 2B), 15 runs scored, 10 RBI, and 13 steals. He posted a solid .923 fielding average (8 errors in 105 chances).

Lange, first baseman, batted .200 in the NEMC with 2 HR, 2 stolen bases, and 5 RBI. Overall, he posted a team-leading .372 batting average and finished the

regular season with 13 RBI, 5 steals, and 8 runs scored. He had a fielding percentage of .986 (2 errors in 146 chances).

In all, the Vikings had five regulars that hit over .300 during the 2003 season. The other three were:

• Greg Morrill, junior, catcher. Morrill hit .368 (including 6 2B) with 15 RBI, 9 runs scored, and 5 steals. In NEMC play, he hit .320 with 5 RBI.

• Chris Wakeley, senior, second baseman. Wakeley batted .313 this year with 10 runs scored, 11 RBI, and 9 steals.

• Andy Strohpaal, junior, C/P. Strohpaal hit .361 with 10 runs, 10 RBI, and 11 steals.

Gibson Tobin, a sophomore, batted .346 in 26 at-bats after being called up to varsity late in the season. He had 4 RBI and 9 steals.

On the mound, Roy Czapek led the Vikings in ERA at 2.14. Strohpaal had a 3-2 record with a 4.20 ERA and Wakeley was 2-2 with a 4.5 ERA.




Adam Kaiser
All-NEMC 2nd Team



Joe Lange
All-NEMC 2nd Team

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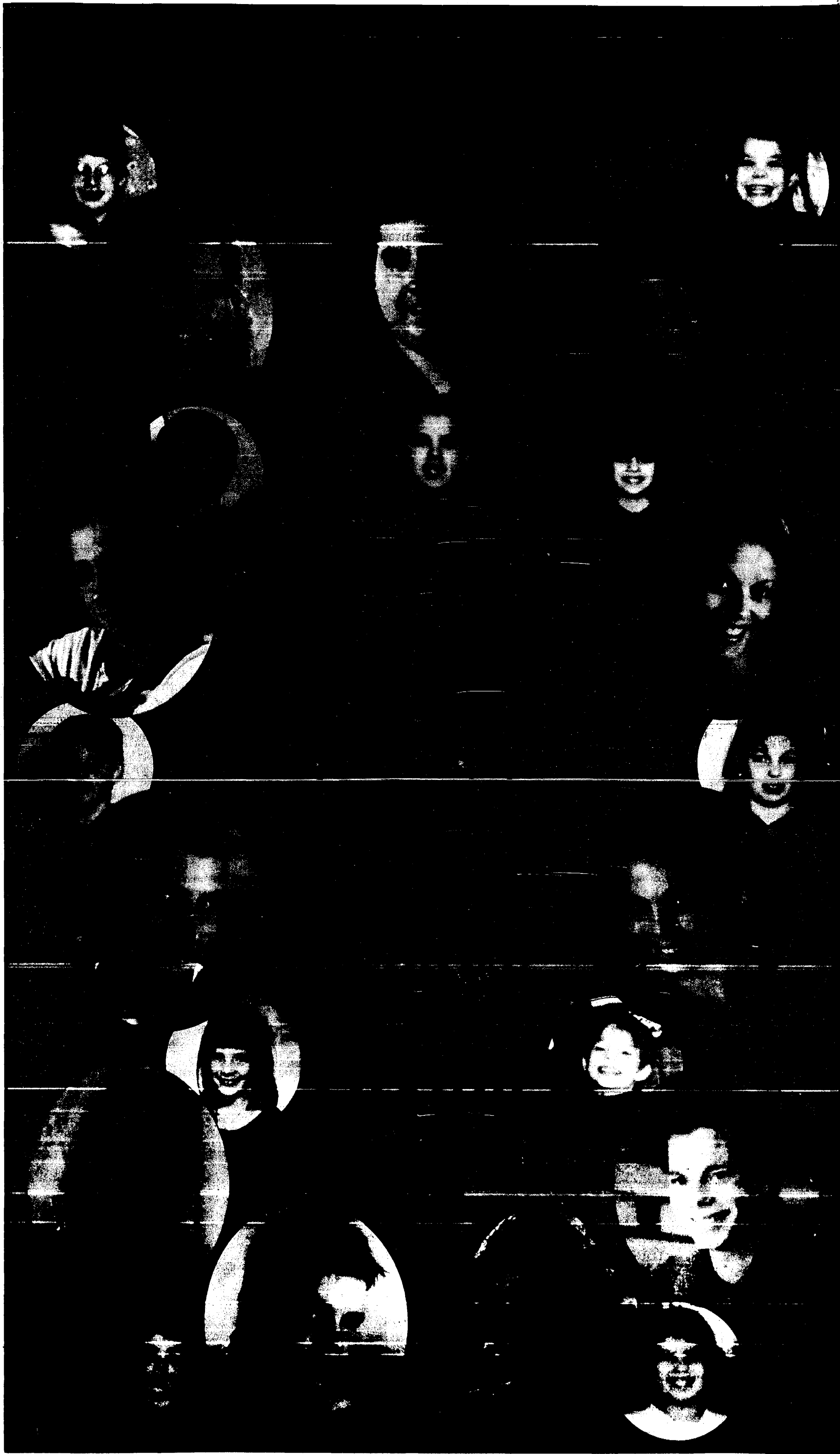
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Love- Mom, Dad, Maria, Chasen, Brandon & Brandon, Frankowski, Brandon & Brandon Papadakis, Auntz, Uncles & Cousins

Antonio Sala



As you begin your studies at WMU, remember to believe in yourself, your dreams and in the power that you have to control your own life. Oh yes, please try to call home and visit us occasionally. Love- Mom & Nick

Senior Class of 2003

Graduation Exercises

Commencement
Friday, June 6, 2003
Grayling High School
Football Stadium
Program begins at 8:00 p.m.

Baccalaureate
Wednesday, June 4, 2003
Ausable Primary School
Program begins at 7:00 p.m.

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Janelle,

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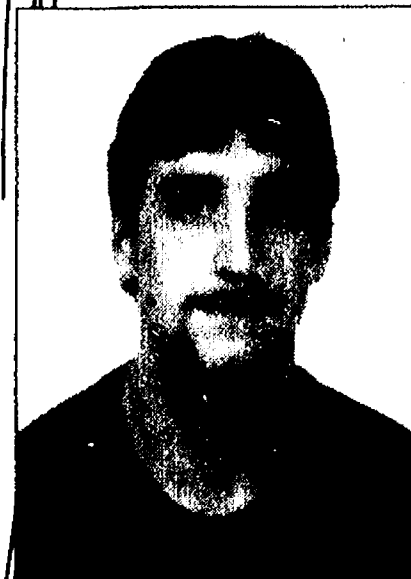
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Class Advisors

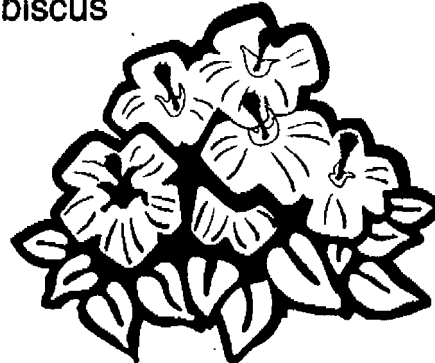
Mrs. Meredith Anderson
Mrs. Barbara Hunter

Class Motto

Yesterday is gone,
Tomorrow may never come,
Live for Today.

Class Flower

Hibiscus



Class Colors

Royal Blue, Turquoise, and
Seaweed Green

Contributions

To honor the Grayling High School Class of 2003, the *Crawford County Avalanche* and area businesses have supported the annual commemorative senior keepsake edition during commencement week. This special section was produced by Grayling High School seniors Jenna McClain and Sarah Golnick, with the assistance of the *Crawford County Avalanche* staff.

Class Song

"Dream On" By Aerosmith

Every time that I look in the mirror
All these lines on my face gettin' clearer
The past has gone
It went by like dusk till dawn
Isn't that the way
Everybody's got their dues in life to pay
Yeah...I know nobody knows
Where it comes and where it goes
I know it's everybody's sin
You got to lose to know...how to win
Half my life's in books written pages
Live and learn from fools and from sages
You know it's true
All the things come back to you
Sing with me sing for the year
Sing for the laughter and sing for the tear
Sing with me if it's just for today
Maybe tomorrow the good Lord will take you away
Well...sing with me sing for the year
Sing for the laughter sing and for the tear
Sing it with me if it's just for today
Maybe tomorrow the good Lord will take you away...ahh
Mmmm...dream on...dream on...dream on
Dream yourself a dream come true
Dream on...dream on...dream on...
And dream until your dream
comes true
Dream on...dream on...dream on...dream on...
Dream on...dream on...dream on...aaahhh...
Sing with me song for the year
Sing for the laughter sing for the tear
Sing it with me if it's just for today
Maybe tomorrow good Lord will take you away
Sing with me sing for the year
Sing for the laughter and sing for the tear
Sing it with me if it's just for today
Maybe tomorrow the good Lord will take you away

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**Jenna
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Sarah
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for a great job done on the 2003 Senior Section
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Andria Alvarez
No response.



Roger Alvarez, Jr.
Son of Todd and Kathy Nye and Roger Alvarez. After graduation I plan to attend Lake Superior State University and major in Criminal Justice.



Britni Jayne Baker
Daughter of John Baker and Bill and Cheryl Lowes. After graduation I plan to attend Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.



Danielle Beckwith
Daughter of Jack and Anne Beckwith. After graduation I plan to attend Michigan State University and study Zoology and Theatre.



Ashley Beemer
Daughter of Craig Beemer and Susan Gothro. After graduation I plan to attend Saginaw Valley State University to major in International Business.



Michele Belcher
Daughter of Pete and Gail Belcher. After graduation I plan to attend Kirtland Community College and transfer to a four year school.



Andrew Boardman
Son of Bob and Sue Boardman. After graduation I plan to go into the Military.



Lexi Bondar
Daughter of Al and Debbie Bondar. After graduation I plan to attend Ferris State University and graduate with a degree in Business and Psychology.



William Robert Brewer
Son of Wade and Bonnie Brewer. After graduation I plan to attend Michigan Technological University.



Jennifer Arlene Brunell
Daughter of Paul and Christine Brunell. After graduation I plan to attend Kirtland Community College and transfer to a university.



James David Burton, III
Son of Dale and Janna Metzger. After graduation I plan to attend college and pursue a career in Electrical Engineering.



Kristen Cerelli
No response.



Maeghan Raine Corwin
Daughter of Butch and Betty Corwin. I plan to attend Spring Arbor University for Vocal Performance or Contemporary Christian Ministries.



Matt Cottrell
Son of Colin and Cheryl Cottrell.



William Cousins
No response.



Megan Cox
After graduation I plan to attend Kirtland Community College.



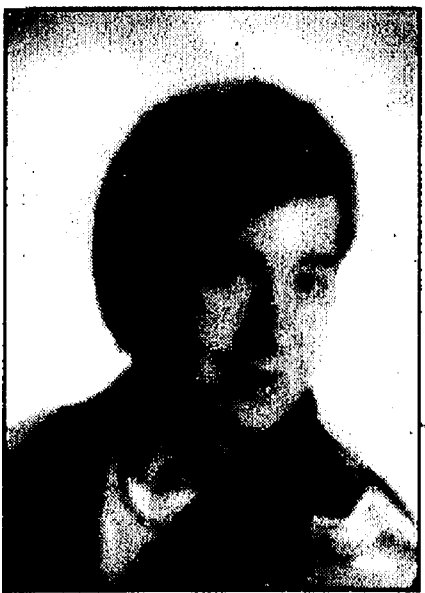
Christopher Cragg
Son of Bryan and Melanie Cragg. I plan to attend either Saginaw Valley State or Central Michigan University and study Computer Science.



Samuel Cross
Son of James and Donna Cross. After graduation I plan to attend Northern Michigan University and study Creative Writing.



Brianne Crowl
Daughter of Randy Crowl and Patti Wilson. After graduation I plan to move to Virginia and go to school.



Dain Decker
No response.



Sean Doyle
Son of Steve and Ruth Doyle. After graduation I plan to attend Kirtland Community College for my basics and get a degree in Business Management.



Andrea Duncley
Daughter of Brian and Julia Duncley. After graduation I plan to attend Oakland Community College and major in Elementary Education and Film.



Amber Edgerton
Daughter of Jack and Gayle Edgerton. I plan to attend Central Michigan University and major in Vocal Music with a minor in Teaching.



Lori Ellis
Daughter of Daniel and Deborah Ellis. I plan to attend Kirtland Community College and study Massage Therapy and Radiology Technician.

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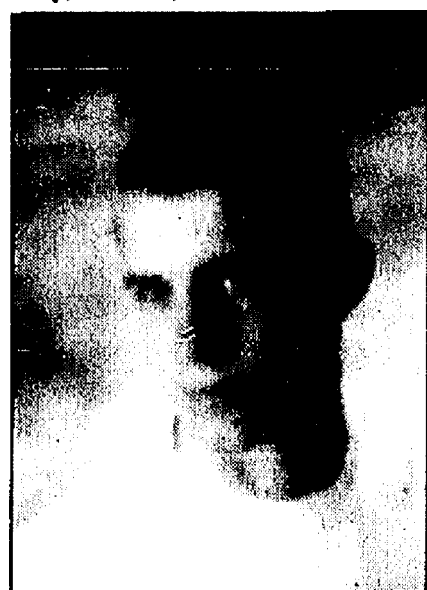
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Kimberly Erb

Daughter of Kenneth and Joann Erb. After graduation I plan to travel with my mother.



Travis Fagan

Son of Alan and Julie Fagan. After graduation I plan to attend Kirtland Community College.



Shane Ferrell

Son of Joe Ferrell and Brenda Mikula. After graduation I plan to attend Michigan Technological University and major in Civil Engineering.



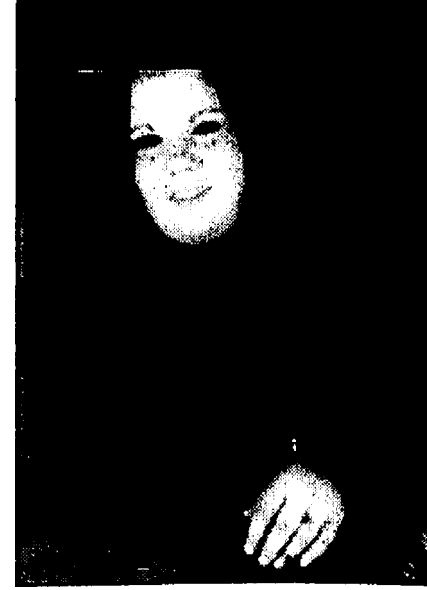
Justin Arthur Fisette

Son of Arthur and Tina Fisette, Jr. I plan to attend Kirtland Community College and transfer to a four-year University. Major is undecided.



Kyle Fleischmann

Son of Jim and Mary Ann Frick. After graduation I plan to go to college.



Arrow Fransisco

Daughter of Reda Fransisco. After graduation I plan to attend Lake Superior State University and major in Elementary Education.



Todd Allan Gaffke

Son of Tom and Janet Gaffke. After graduation I plan to attend either CMU or Indiana University and major in Music Performance.



Jennie L. Gibbons

Daughter of Terri Gibbons. I plan to attend Northwestern Michigan College for my Culinary Arts degree and one day operate my own restaurant.



Patti Martella, Shannon Terry, & Tracy Parkinson smile knowing there is only a few more days left of school!



Jason Glicker

Son of David and Deborah Glicker. After graduation I plan to go to college to study Psychology.



Sarah Elizabeth Golnick

Daughter of Chris and Linda Golnick. I plan to attend Oakland University in Rochester and major in Business Marketing and Interior Design.



Jason Gomez

Son of Richard and Pamela Engel. After graduation I plan to leave on August 4, 2003 for the Marine Corps. Recruit Training in San Diego, California.



Jessica Green

Daughter of Karl and Cheri Green. I plan to attend Northwood University in West Palm Beach, FL and obtain a dual major in Entertainment, Sport Promotion/Business Management.



Janelle Gregorich

Daughter of Jon and Dianne Gregorich. After graduation I plan to attend Saginaw Valley State University and major in Elementary Education.



Rachel Hagle

Daughter of Glenn and Sue Hagle. After graduation I plan to attend Kirtland Community College and major in Child Care Aide.



Ryan Harland

Son of Tom and Jody Coors and Marc and Sheila Harland. After graduation I plan to enlist into the Air Force and become a Computer Programmer.



Lance M. Harmer

Son of Michael Harmer and Margaret and William Schreiner. After graduation I plan to pursue a music career.



Alexia Harvey

Daughter of Stan J. and Mary Jo Forrester. After graduation I plan to attend Kirtland Community College to finish Cosmetology.



Kimberly Renae Hatfield

Daughter of Sharon and Dennis Sloan. After graduation I plan to go to college and major in Journalism or Elementary Education.



Ken Heinlein

Son of Jim and Mary Heinlein. I plan to attend CMU to pursue a double major in Music Education and Tuba Performance.



Jesse Jo Helsel

Grandson of Ellen Helsel. After graduation I plan to go into the Marines.

YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY BABIES AND WERE SO VERY PROUD OF YOU!

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JUSTIN

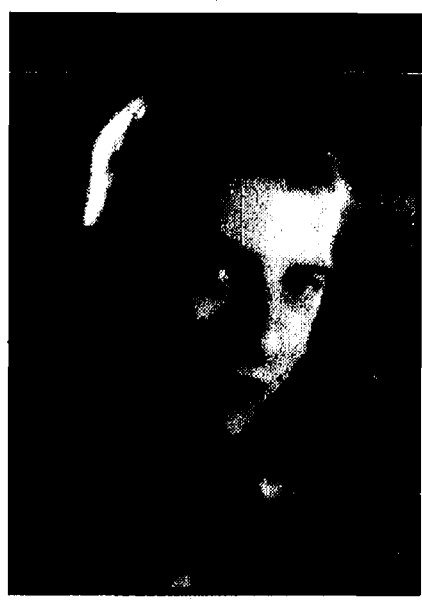
FROM THE TERRY'S THE HEDGECOCKS & THE HEDGECOCKS



Jason William Henning
Son of Anthony and Tamara Henning. After graduation I plan to attend University of Chicago to study Astrophysics.



Andi Holzbauer
Daughter of Clyde and Nadine Holzbauer. After graduation I plan to attend CMU and study music or design. I hope to do my graduate work at U of M.



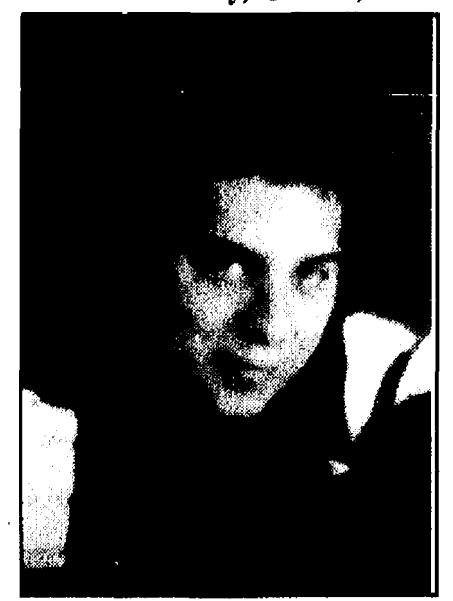
Tyler William Huber
Son of Chuck and Karen Huber. After graduation I plan to attend KCC then transfer to FSU to major in Mechanical Engineering Technology.



Carmen Hulbert
Daughter of Brian Hulbert and Judy Crandall. After graduation I plan to attend Kirtland Community College.



Eric Hunter
Son of John and Barbara Hunter. After graduation I plan to attend Saginaw Valley and play soccer for them.



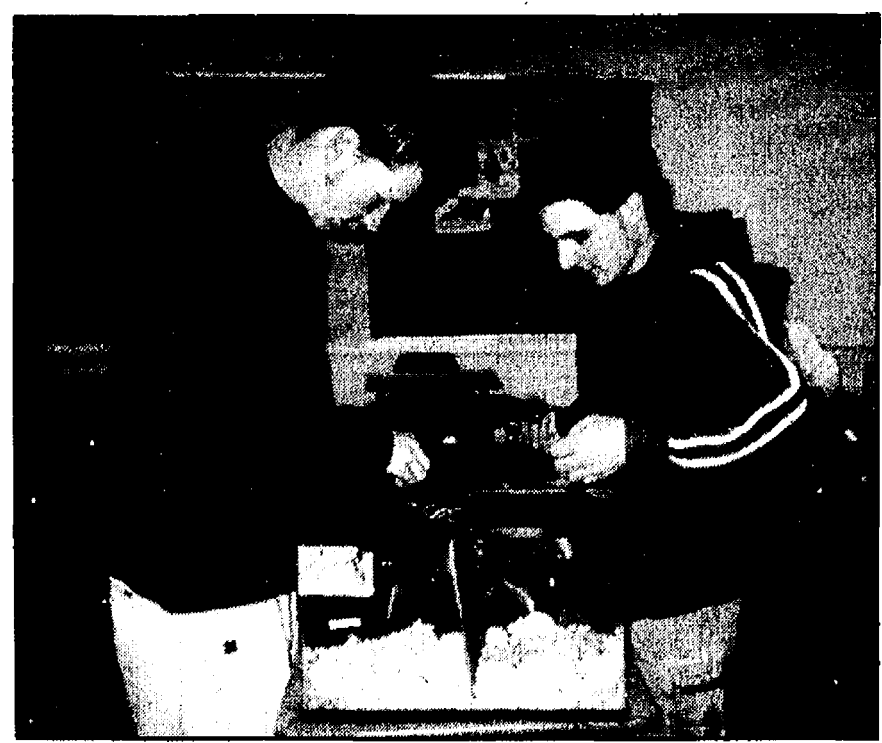
Brandon Jacobs
Son of Brian and Vicki Jacobs. After graduation I plan to skateboard everyday and be a manager at Burger King.



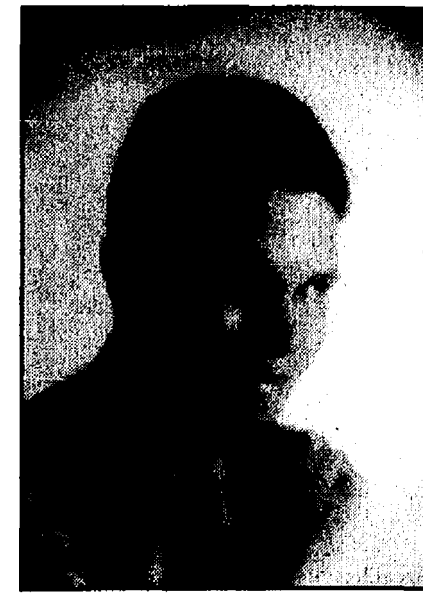
Sally Jansen
Daughter of Curt and Sue Jansen. After graduation I plan to work for a semester and then attend Kirtland for a year or two.



Adam Johns
No response.



Foreign Exchange student Pawel Wojcik and senior Shawn Weatherly feed their mice for a Psychology experiment in Mr. Darnell Wilson's seminar class.



Kevin Jozwiak
Son of Rocky and Annette Jozwiak. I plan to continue working with Hal's Masonry, and also continue in the Bible education work of Jehovah's Witness.



Adam Kaiser
Son of Bert and Penny Kaiser. After graduation I plan to attend college to pursue a business degree.



Tabatha Ketchum
Daughter of Michael and Constance Ketchum. After graduation I plan to attend college to become a nurse.



KC Ann Kindler
Daughter of Gene and Evelyn Kindler. After graduation I plan to attend KCC to get my teaching degree, then transfer to Grand Valley State University.



Nick Klemish
Son of Bryan and Judy Klemish. After graduation I plan to attend Kirtland Community College and later transfer to Ferris State University.



Danyelle Larson
Daughter of Don and Cindy Larson. After graduation I plan to attend Northwestern Michigan College in the fall and major in medical field.



James Everett Lawrence
Son of Armand and Lorraine Lawrence. After graduation I plan to join the Air Force.



Ashley Erin Longendyke
Daughter of Richard and Susan Longendyke. After graduation I plan to continue my dance career and further my education.



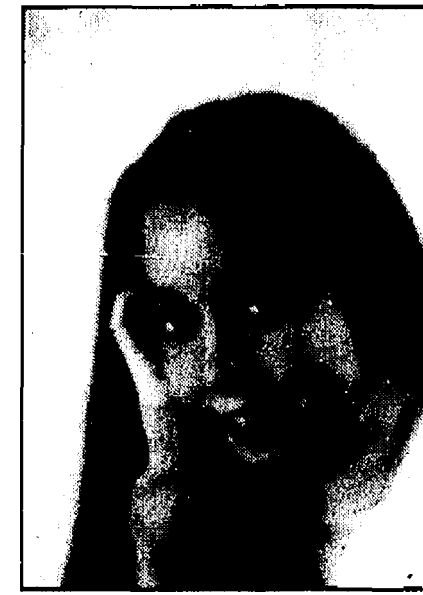
Nicole Lutz
Daughter of Mark and June Lutz. After graduation I plan to attend a community college to study business.



Bonnie Mahaney
Daughter of Matt and Debbie Mahaney. After graduation I plan to attend Delta Community College.



Daniel Matthew Mahaney
Son of Matt and Debbie Mahaney. After graduation I plan to attend Delta University for criminal justice.



Patricia Rene Martella
Daughter of Edward and Karen Martella III. After graduation I plan to attend KCC for a year, then transfer to CMU for Education or Engineering.



Jenna L McClain
Daughter of Scott McClain and Doria Larm. After graduation I plan to attend KCC to major in fine arts, then transfer to a higher art school.

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Charles Joseph McNamara
Son of Michael and Beverly McNamara. After graduation I plan to attend Harvard University and at this time I have an undecided program of study.



Brett Mead
Son of Dee and Dora Mead. After graduation I plan to attend Kirtland Community College.



Heather Merchant
Daughter of Rick and Anita Merchant. I plan to attend CMU to major in Marketing and minor in Business Law in hopes of becoming a Product Brand Manager



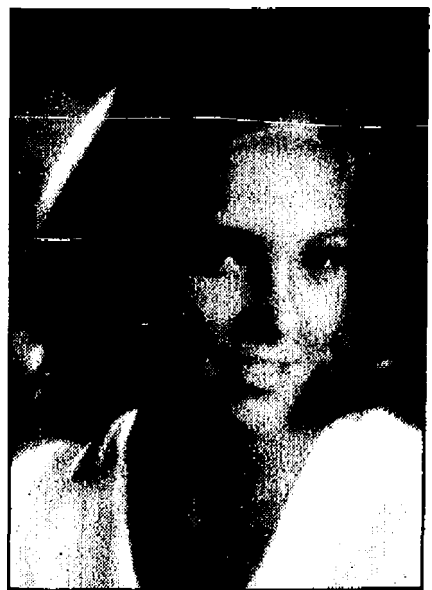
Jeremy Messerschmidt
Son of Ron and Laura Trojanek. After graduation I plan to attend NADC College and major in Car Painting and Design.



Roy Middleton
Son of Bill and Carol Thayer. After graduation I plan to attend college to be a cop.



Jenn Millar
Daughter of Tim and LeAnn Millar. My plans after graduation are undecided at this time.



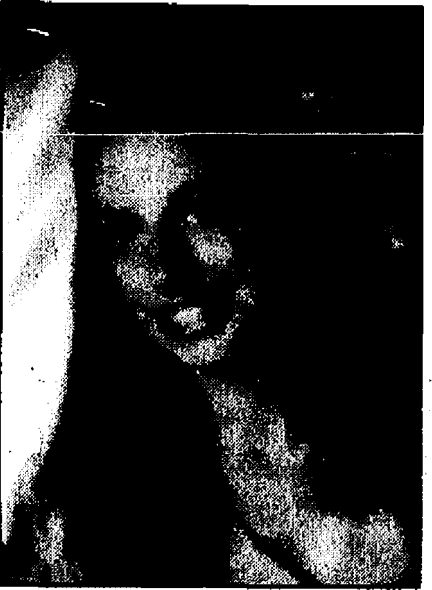
Kim Mitchell
Daughter of Mark and Sheri Mitchell. After graduation I plan to go to Ferris State University and major in Accounting and minor in Finance.



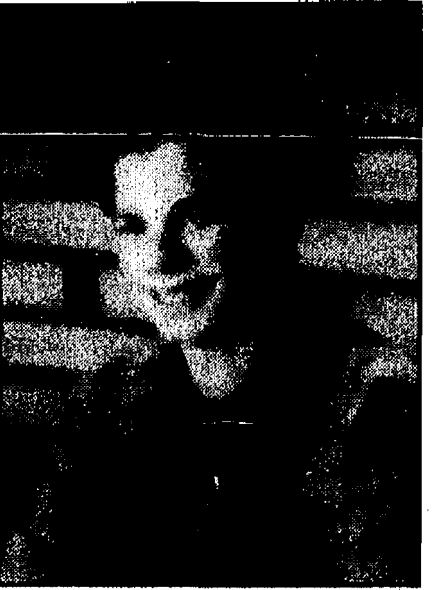
Amber Moore
Daughter of Dale and Gloria Moore. After graduation I plan to attend Northwestern Michigan College and transfer to Grand Valley State University to major in Marketing.



Antonio Sala puts the finishing touches on his masterpiece in Mr. Mark Binert's art room. Antonio received the senior superlative vote for Best Artist for the class of 2003.



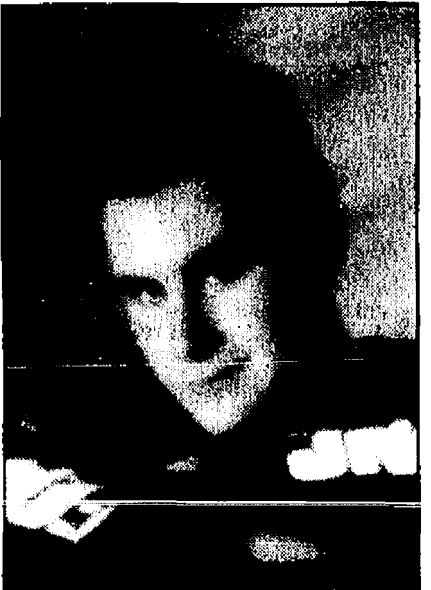
Shayla Marie Moore
Daughter of Steve and Sandra Moore. After graduation I plan to attend CMU to major in Business Administration and in Dance.



Nate Mueller
Son of Jon and Sue Mueller. After graduation I plan to attend classes at Kirtland Community College.



Cody Myers
No response.



Travis Nelson
Son of Fred and Becky Hinkle and Greg Nelson. After graduation I plan to find success in all my future ventures.



Tressa Bee Ney
Daughter of Rodney B. Ney Jr. and Gail Ann Ney. After graduation I plan to attend Kirtland Community College and major in Fine Arts and work with children.



Kate Edith Nickert
After graduation I plan to attend Kirtland Community College and major in Massage Therapy and eventually obtain certification for Fitness Training.



Tara Marie Papendick
Daughter of Dale and Eileen Papendick. After graduation I plan to attend Kirtland Community College.



Tracy Ann Parkinson
Daughter of Jeff and Jeanne Parkinson. After graduation I plan to attend Ferris State University and major in Education and minor in Psychology.



Coleman R. Payne
Son of John and Stephanie Payne. After graduation I plan to attend Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana.



Sarah C. Pegouskie
Daughter of Mark and Jessie Pegouskie. After graduation I plan to go to college and become a Registered Nurse.



Felicia Phillips
Daughter of Richard and Susan Phillips. After graduation I plan to continue my dance training and attend Northwestern College for two years and transfer to a university to pursue a career in dance.



Halie Phipps
Daughter of Terry and Brenda Phipps. After graduation I plan to attend Lawrence Technological University to major in Architecture.

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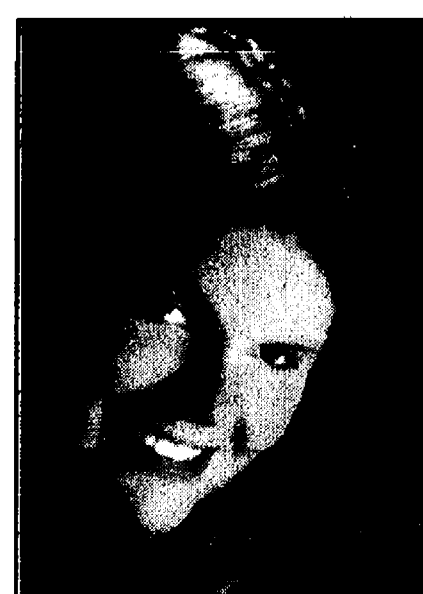
Shannon M. Plutko
Daughter of Holly Plutko. After graduation I plan to go to Mid Michigan Community College, then transfer to Western to be a pilot.



Kortney L. Poll
Daughter of Bonnie and Norman Poll. After graduation I plan to take care of my daughter Tapanga.



Jacqueline A. Rais
Daughter of Mark Rais and Linda Nafraniwicz. After graduation I plan to attend Eastern Michigan University where I will major in history.



Colleen Rogers
Daughter of Star and Rod Case. After graduation I plan to attend NWM to earn an associates degree in criminal justice to become a police officer.



Jennifer L. Rusiecki
Daughter of Anthony and Tina Rusiecki. After graduation I plan to attend Saginaw Valley and major in Psychology.



Monica Safin
No response.



Antonio Sala
Son of Debra Sala. After graduation I plan to continue working at Grayling Hospital for Animals and in the fall begin at Western.



Richard Saxton
Son of Stephen and Susan Saxton. After graduation I plan to join the Navy.



Amanda St. Amour
No response.



Sarah Starks
Daughter of Robert and Michelle Starks. After graduation I plan to move to California to pursue acting.



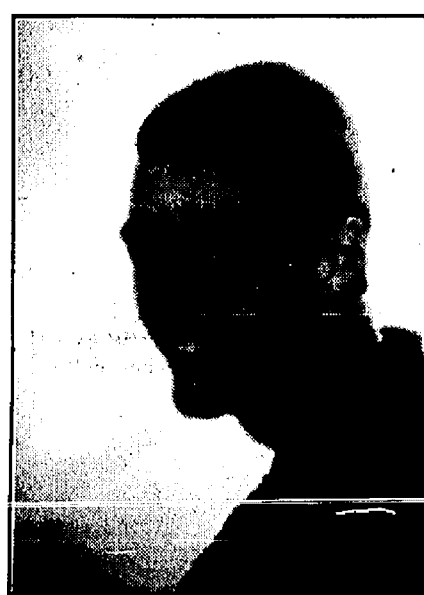
Nicole Starr
Daughter of Greg and Cheryl Starr. After graduation I plan to attend KCC in hope of becoming a massage therapist.



Christina N. Strait
Daughter of Jeannette and Clarence Strait. After graduation I plan to move to Florida and open my own spa.



Laura Ann Strohkirch
Daughter of Richard and Annmarie Strohkirch. After graduation I plan to attend MTU to become a chemical engineer.



Matthew Strohpaal
Son of Russell and Tina Strohpaal. After graduation I plan to attend FSU Pharmacy College in hope of becoming a pharmacist.



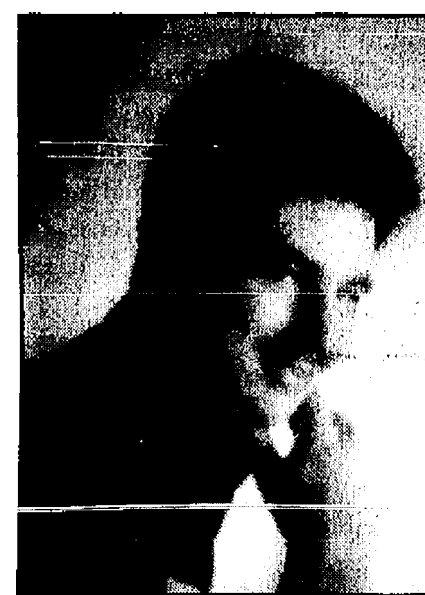
Shannon Terry
Daughter of Bob and Pam Terry. After graduation I plan to attend Saginaw Valley to study Education.



Christopher L. Wakeley
Son of Gene and Marsha Wakeley. After graduation I plan to attend KCC to train to be an automotive technician.



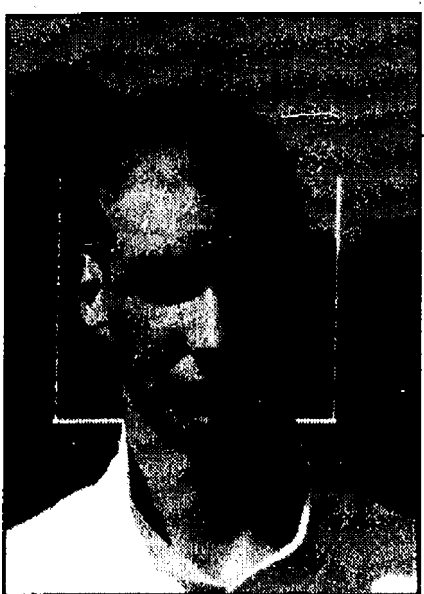
Stephanie Wakeley
Daughter of Cy and Elizabeth Wakeley. After graduation I plan to attend a college in Michigan to major in vocal performance.



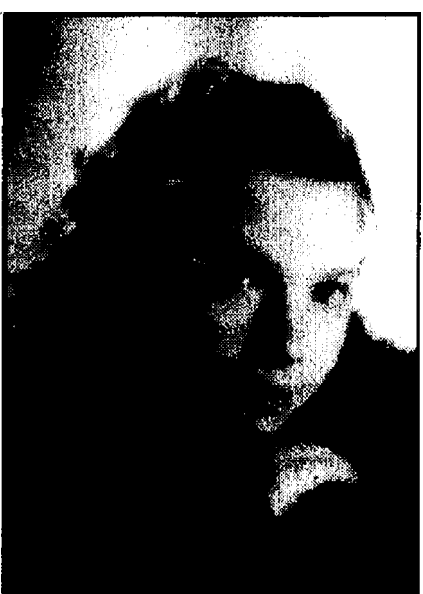
Shawn Ryan Weatherly
Son of Roger and Cindy Weatherly. After graduation I plan to attend NADC and become a hi-performance diesel mechanic.



Mary Kathryn Wingfield
Daughter of William Sr. and Mary Wingfield. After graduation I plan to attend Kirtland Community College and get a degree in Applied Science.



Pawel Wojcik
Son of Ryszard and Emilia Wojcik and host parent, Mike Shearer. After graduation I plan to go back to Poland and study the tourist business in a Physical Education Academy in Krakow, Poland.



Andrea Yanniello
Daughter of Doug and Cindy Yanniello. After graduation I plan to attend college.



Michael Yost
Son of Deborah Yost. After graduation I plan to attend Kirtland Community College.



Regina Young
Daughter of Pamela Young and Daniel Root. After graduation I plan to move to Tennessee with my husband and step-son or stay here for a while and get a job.

Not Pictured:

Ashley Bancroft
Breck Denewett
Jeffrey Denison
Jenson Dreasky
Rebecca Flaherty
Joshua Jurkovich
James Kenney
Lance Kingslien
Sarah Lepsy
Kyle Malezyk
Caleb Mead
Josh Messerschmidt
Annette Morris
Kristal Schlaun
Brandon Scott
Sherry Skiba
Frank Tody
Jesse Vanslyke
Barbara Wargo
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Pawel Wojcik

Thanks for being
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of your hometown in Poland.
From Your "Host Dad"
Mike Shearer

Congratulations!

Shayla Moore,
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Senior Highlights

What is most memorable about your high school days?

Ashley Beemer

My senior Snowgoing with Charley (McNamara); it was amazing!

Sean Doyle

Walking around the hallways with my friends during class.

Andrea Duncley

The social events and the valuable time spent with friends.

Andrew Boardman

Playing in front of the school.



Sarah Golnick: "The last day of school my Junior year when we ransacked the freshman and enjoyed our new seniority!" Pictured above is Sarah Golnick and Charley McNamara chillin' out between classes.

Lexi Bondar

Making life long friends.

Lori Ellis

Junior Miss, I had a lot of fun with the girls and got to eat good food.

William Brewer

Spending more time at school than at home.

Shane Ferrell

My entire senior year has been incredible.

James Burton

Spending time with friends.

Justin Fissette

Chem. II class my junior year with Mr. Mau.

Maeghan Corwin

Spending time with my friends.



Jason Gomez: "Cross country and hanging out with my friends."

Kyle Fleischmann

Not going.

Stephanie Wakeley

Spending time with my wonderful friends, the theatre program, and State Honors Choir.

Todd Gaffke

Hanging out with Sarah (Golnick) in Health class with Mr. Cousineau.

Jessica Green

The good times with my friends, especially with the girls traveling to basketball games, and spending time with Matt.

Danielle Beekwith

I couldn't wait for time to pass, but now I realize it went by too fast.

Ryan Harland

Being with my friends; I don't know how I could've lasted without them.

Eric Hunter

Hanging out with my friends in the hallways during class.

Alexia Harvey

The rides to Kirtland with the other four girls.

Heather Merchant

Receiving my first yellow card in soccer, the Powder Puff games and doing senior stuff.

Kimberly Hatfield

Hanging out with my friends and just being our crazy selves...BUNDLE!

Regina Stocker

Going to both my Junior and Senior high school Proms.

Lance Harmer

Playing three and a half years of football.

Christopher Cragg

Going to the sporting events.



Roger Alvarez Jr. "Winning the NEMC Championship basketball game during my senior year."

JESS.

We're so proud of you for the goals you've set and achieved, and even more for the special person you are!

GOOD LUCK!!

Love Ya, Dad, Mom, Joe, Mel, Ethan, Gavin, and Matt

Senior Highlights

What is most memorable about your high school days?

Ken Heinlein

Meeting everybody that I have met. They all know who they are and they have had a very important part of helping me to become the person I am today; I will never forget the debt of gratitude I owe every one of them.

Brandon Jacobs

Goofing off with Chris Wakeley.

Laura Strokirch

Playing tennis, the spirit weeks, Homecoming, Snow-going, Prom, going to state Solo and Ensemble for choir and spending time with my friends.

Andi Holzbauer

The friendships I made during sports and other extracurricular activities.

Kate Nickert

Meeting my boyfriend, TJ, at a school dance.

Adam Kaiser

Lunch and sports.

Kim Mitchell

My friends.

KC Kindler

My sophomore year when I went to Toronto with the choir.

Danyelle Larson

The dances because we could hang out with friends and have fun.

Ashley Longendyke

Becoming so close with my friends and sharing memories with them.

Jenna McClain

All of the times I had with my friends all four years.

Charley McNamara

Our forensics team at state causing nothing but trouble for Mr. Lackenbucher.



Jesse Jo Helsel: "Playing sports." Pictured above is senior Jesse Helsel, who seemed to enjoy lunch a little more than everybody else; especially on taco day!

Amber Moore

All of the memories of being with my friends.

Tracy Parkinson

Being selected to represent Grayling High School at Girls State.

Travis Nelson

Meeting and interacting with interesting individuals.

Tressa Ney

Working on the Senior Wall; composing a picture and painting our senior motto with our colors.

Jason Glicker

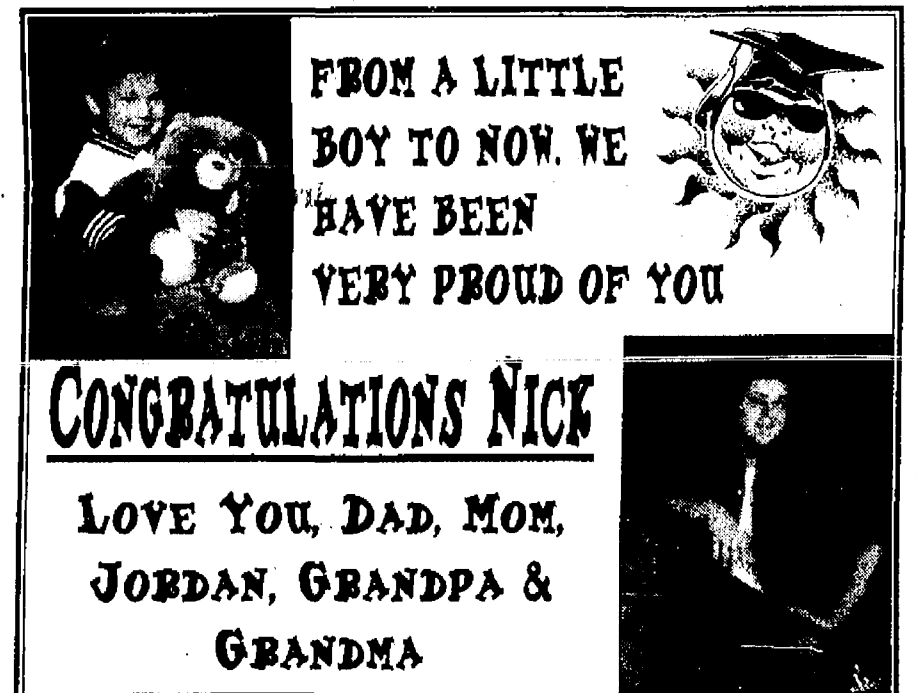
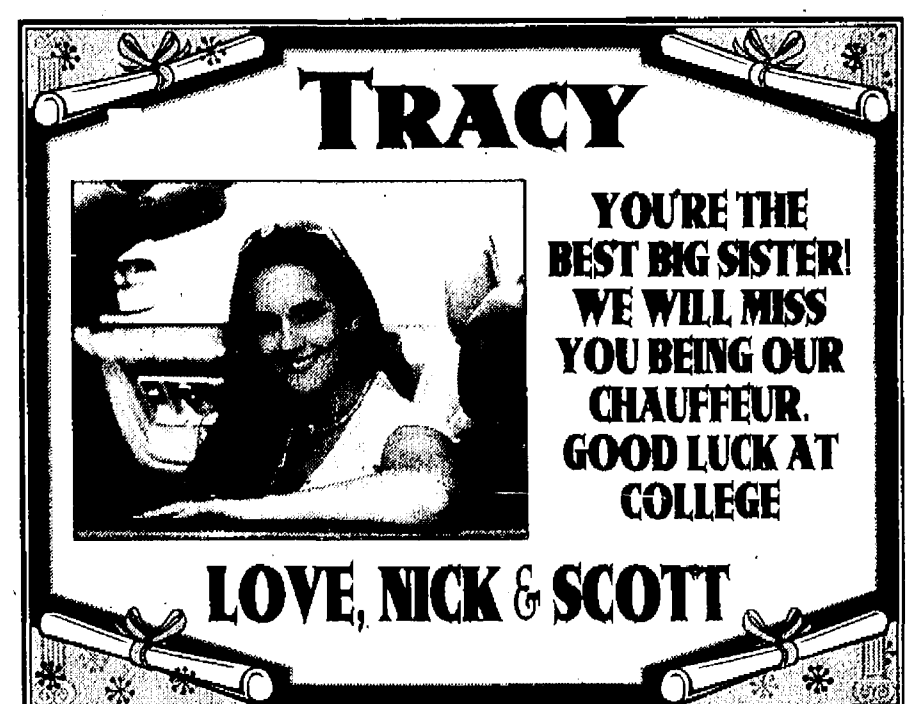
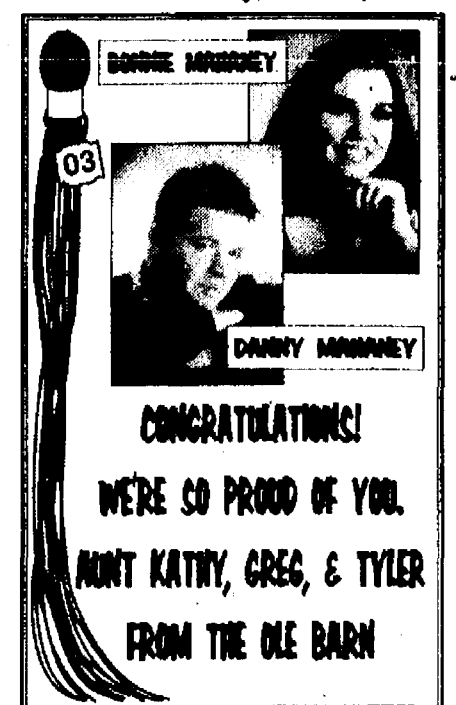
The Grayling High School Theater program.

Shawn Byard

All of the drama this past year; the backpack rule, construction, etc.

Brett Mead

Winning my senior Homecoming football game.



Jennifer Rusiecki: "The Powder Puff football game my senior year; even though we did not win it was a lot of fun!" The Senior Powder Puff girls trained long and hard for their game vs. the juniors and took a second to get some goofy candid photos before the big game.

Jason Henning

The second semester of my Junior year. I had no idea that it was possible to do that much in so little time.

Carmen Hulbert

Being with all my good friends.

Bonnie Mahaney

Going to the formal dances because they always were a blast.

Brandon Jacobs

Goofing off with Chris Wakeley.

Shayla Moore

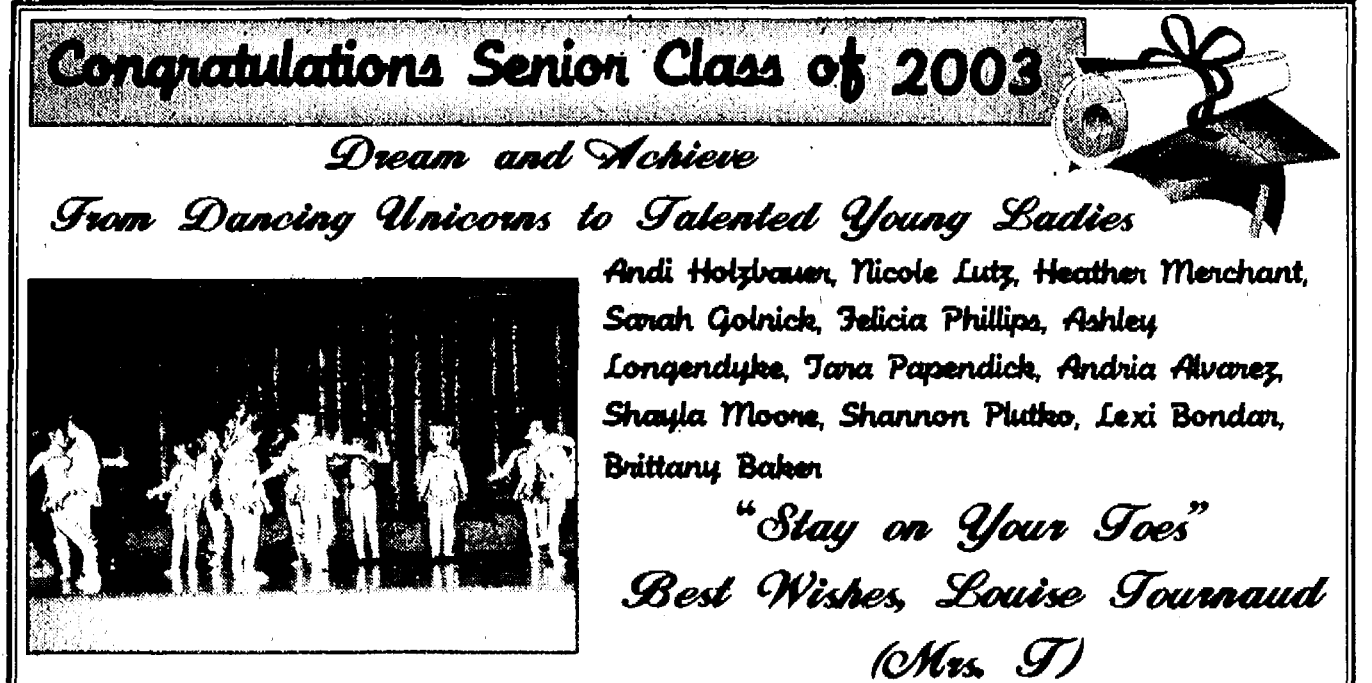
Gaining valuable friendships that will all last a lifetime and winning the Grayling Junior Miss Scholarship Program.

Brandi Morey

Attending Mrs. Lasby's class and becoming a good friend with her.




Kevin Jozwiak: "Laughing, joking around, and playing cards with classmates." Kevin Jozwiak and Travis Nelson use their seminar time wisely with playing cards and rearranged desks (minus the cheesey visors!).



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We watched in amazement and could only say "Wow."
The years flew by as we saw you grow and change.
Through it all, your beauty and grace has always remained.
From day one, all the way to graduation day,
Your charm and radiance have never waned.
A Beautiful Baby in 1985 to Junior Miss in 2002.
This is proof that there's nothing you can't do.
Now we'll watch as you venture out into a world of your own.
And we can think back to how much you've grown.
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Love, Mom, Dad and Sam



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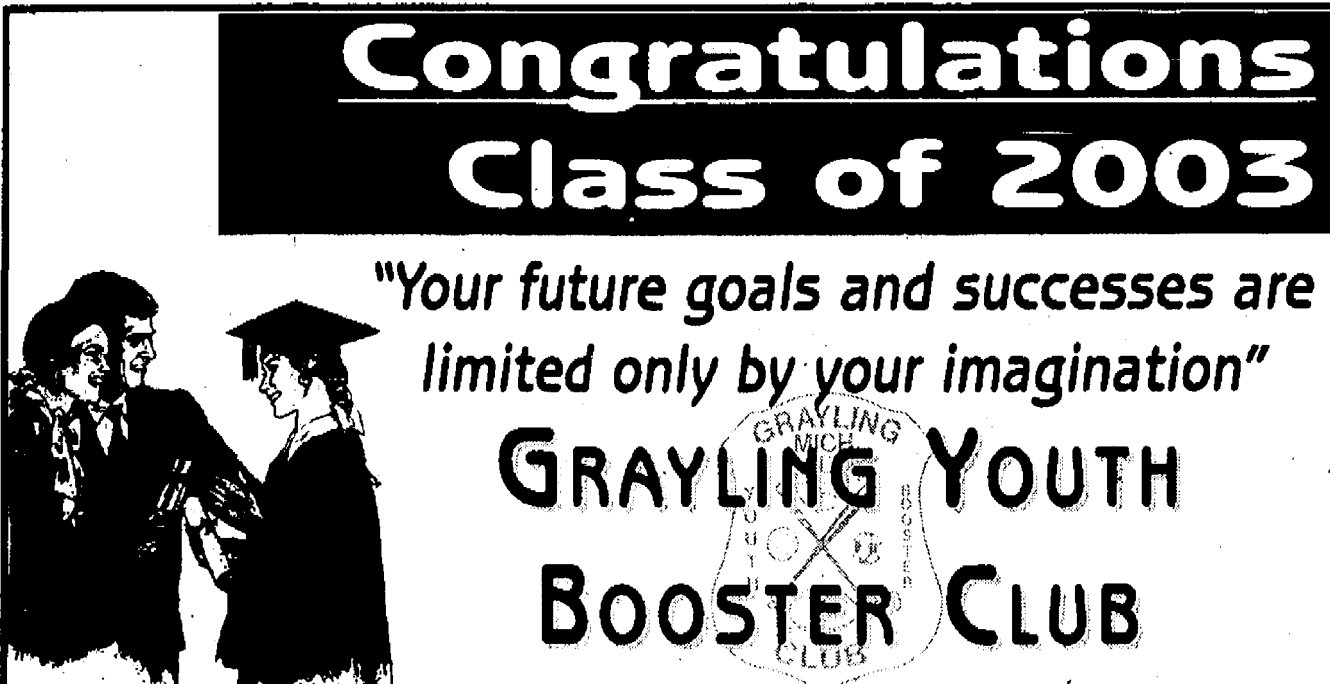
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You've worked hard and we're proud of your accomplishments. Keep up the good work and you'll go far. Keep Smiling!
Love - Mom, Dad, Dave & Bill



Senior Highlights

What is most memorable about your high school days?

Sarah Pegouskie

Entering high school as a freshman and being scared about this new world.

Felicia Phillips

The last day of school in 2002 was the best day for many and the worst for others!

Halie Phipps

Having fun with my friends because they have made my high school an unforgettable four years.

Shannon Plutko

When my friend's party got busted by the state police!

Sarah Starks

Driving to Kirtland every Tuesday and Thursday.

Jacqueline Rais

Making a lot of new friends but still keeping the old.

Colleen Rogers

The end of my Junior year when we became the seniors.

Nicole Starr

Junior prom and my senior year.

Christina Strait

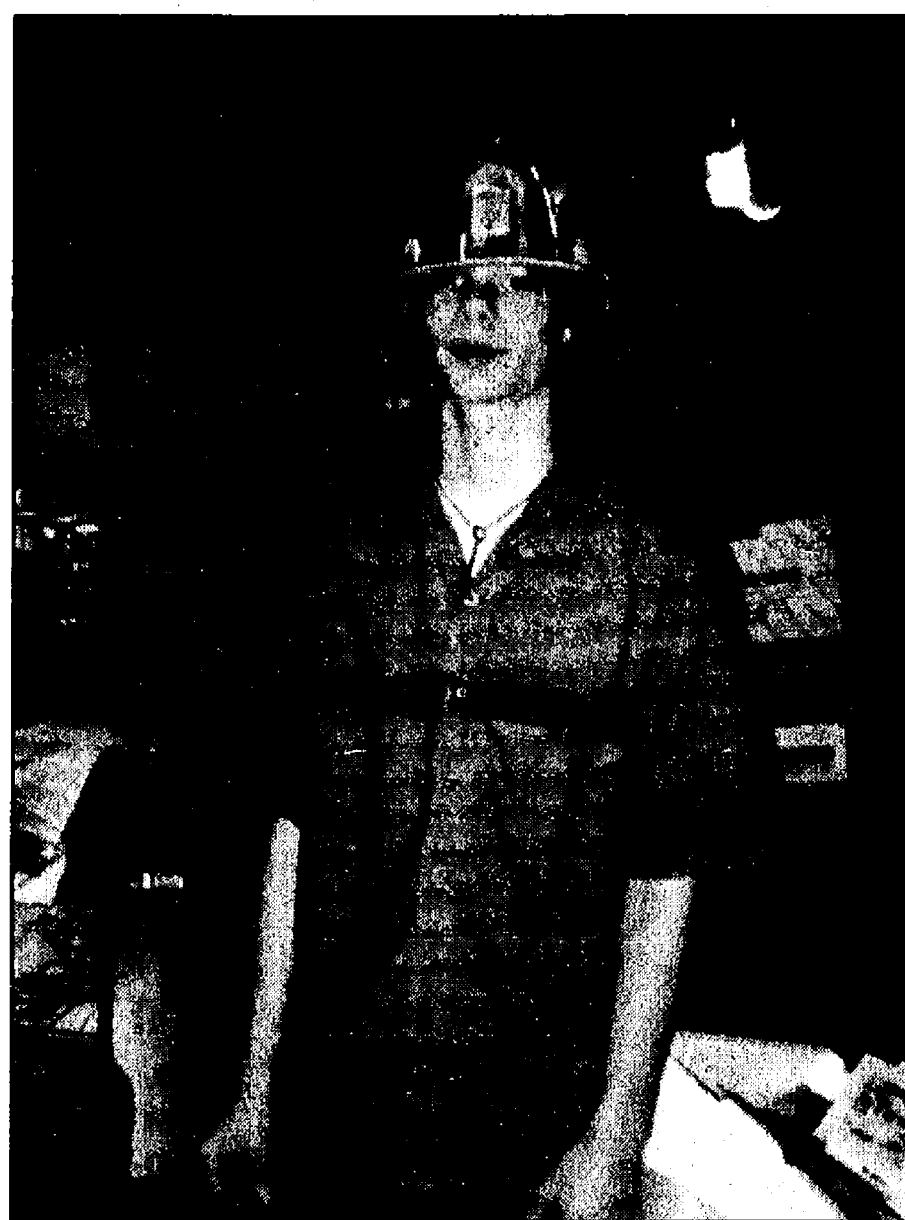
I loved being able to meet new people!

Matt Strohpaull

Playing football all four years of high school.

Chris Wakeley

Playing football for Coach Cousineau.



Nate Mueller "The awesome construction going on during my whole senior year."

Shannon Terry

The last day of school my Junior year when we creamed the up-coming freshman.

Chris Wakeley

Playing football for Coach Cousineau.

Shawn Weatherly

Autocad, building trades, and football.

Mary Wingfield

Too much to say...

Andrea Yaniello

My senior prom.

Jenny Brunell

The cross country mud run in Charlevoix and the mud fights!



Bonnie Mahaney Ahh the highlights of being a senior! (Goodale runs!)

Senior Superlatives

Longest Legs: James Lawrence and Kate Nickert

Class Gossip: Bill Wilson and Kim Hatfield

Shyest: Antonio Sala and Maeghan Corwin

Best Laugh: Eric Hunter and Becky Flaherty

Best Dancer: Adam Kaiser and Felicia Phillips

Friendliest: Sean Doyle and Janelle Gregorich

Wittiest: Travis Nelson and Monica Safin

Most Tardies: Jesse Helsel and Britney Baker

Most Outgoing: Danny Mahaney and Lori Ellis

Biggest Flirt: Danny Mahaney and Jacqueline Rais

Best Eyes: Travis Fagan and Michele Belcher

Best Hair: Antonio Sala and Lori Ellis

Best Artist: Antonio Sala and Jenna McClain

Most Unique: Jason Glicker and Shannon Plutko

Best All-Around: Charley McNamara and Jessica Green

Most Intellectual: Jason Henning and Monica Safin

Best Dressed: Antonio Sala and Janelle Gregorich

Best Musician: Todd Gaffke and Andi Holzbauer

Best Actor/ Actress: Eric Hunter and Stephanie Wakeley

Smart Aleck: Eric Hunter and Andrea Dunckley

Biggest Brown-Noser: Ken Heinlein and Tracy Parkinson

Sweetest: Chris Cragg and Jessica Green

Most Spirited: Shane Ferrell and Ashley Bancroft

Most Creative: Shane Ferrell and Tressa Ney

Trendsetter: Dave Burton and Sarah Golnick

Most Generous: Chris Cragg and Jessica Green

Most Dependable: Jason Henning and Ashley Bancroft

Most Talented: Charley McNamara and Lexi Bondar

Most Muscular: Jesse Helsel and Andi Holzbauer

Most Likely to Succeed: Charley McNamara and Laura Strohkirch

Hardest Worker: Jason Henning and Monica Safin

Best Smile: Tyler Huber and Danielle Beckwith


Best Athlete: Adam Kaiser and Jessica Green

Cutest Couple: Roger Alvarez and Nicole Starr

Class Clown: Eric Hunter and Becky Flaherty

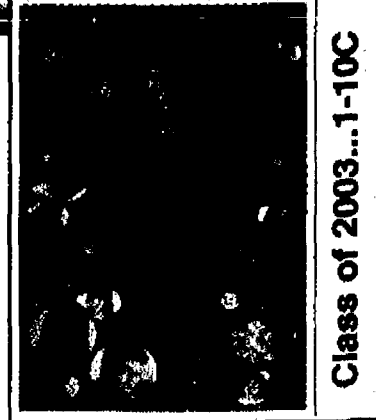
Favorite Teacher: Mr. Hayes and Mrs. Binert

Felicia Phillips,
It seems like only yesterday that you started school.
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Flower sale helps brighten things up



Photos by Cheryl Ruley

Local Boy Scout Troop 979 held a sale of annual flowers last weekend to help raise money for much needed camping equipment. Membership in scouting grows every year in Crawford County, providing many boys and young men with a variety of learning experiences and constructive activities. Here Brian Stewart arranges a flat of flowers, while Adam Malone, Jimmy Hilbrecht, Joe Somero and Adam Wargo make sure everything is in order for their customers. Purchases were carefully loaded into awaiting customer vehicles (right), which put a smile on everyone's faces. Helping load a customer's trunk were Somero, Wargo, Brent Steffey, and Hilbrecht.



Voters to decide two school board seats

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Voters in the Crawford AuSable School District will head to the polls on Monday, June 9 to decide which two of three candidates will join the Board of Education for the next four years.

Incumbent Gary Pettyjohn, of Grayling Township, is seeking his second full term, while outgoing board member and retired Frederic Elementary School principal Melvin "Pat" Nunn decided not to run for his second term, leaving one seat uncontested by an incumbent. Nunn is currently serving as Board secretary.

Along with Pettyjohn, the candidates are Lewis Madill of Maple Forest Township and William Dean of Grayling Township. All three men are Grayling High School graduates. Voters will be asked on the ballot to vote for no more than two candidates.

District residents who wish to run as write-in candidates must

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Drums along the AuSable

Percussionist Kevin Collins appeared at the AuSable Primary Cafeteria and in the Devereaux Library Meeting Room on May 21 to raves, applause, and lots of pounding drums.

He brought with him over a dozen African drums and shared the history and culture of each one as well as how they are played.

Many in the audiences got into the act, playing drums on stage. Even the teachers were pulled up on stage for a quick drum concert. At the library after school, Collins led a workshop and taught children and adults how to play specific African rhythms, most of them over 3,000 years old.

Over 900 people enjoyed his performances, learned some basic rhythms and African culture, and had a chance to learn words from many African languages.

Another joint program with the schools is being planned for next school year. The program was made possible by funding from Friends of the Library, Grayling Rotary, Youth Boosters, GPA (Grayling Promotional Association) and the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Events.



Photo courtesy of the Crawford County Libraries

More than 900 people, including school children and teachers, had the opportunity to learn all about African rhythms and drumming when percussionist Kevin Collins came to Grayling on May 21.

City approves DDA formation

► DDA to have smaller boundaries than previously proposed

The Grayling City Council approved the creation of a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) within the city limits with a 3-2 vote last Monday.

The purpose of a DDA is to improve a business district through planning and fundraising for capital improvement projects.

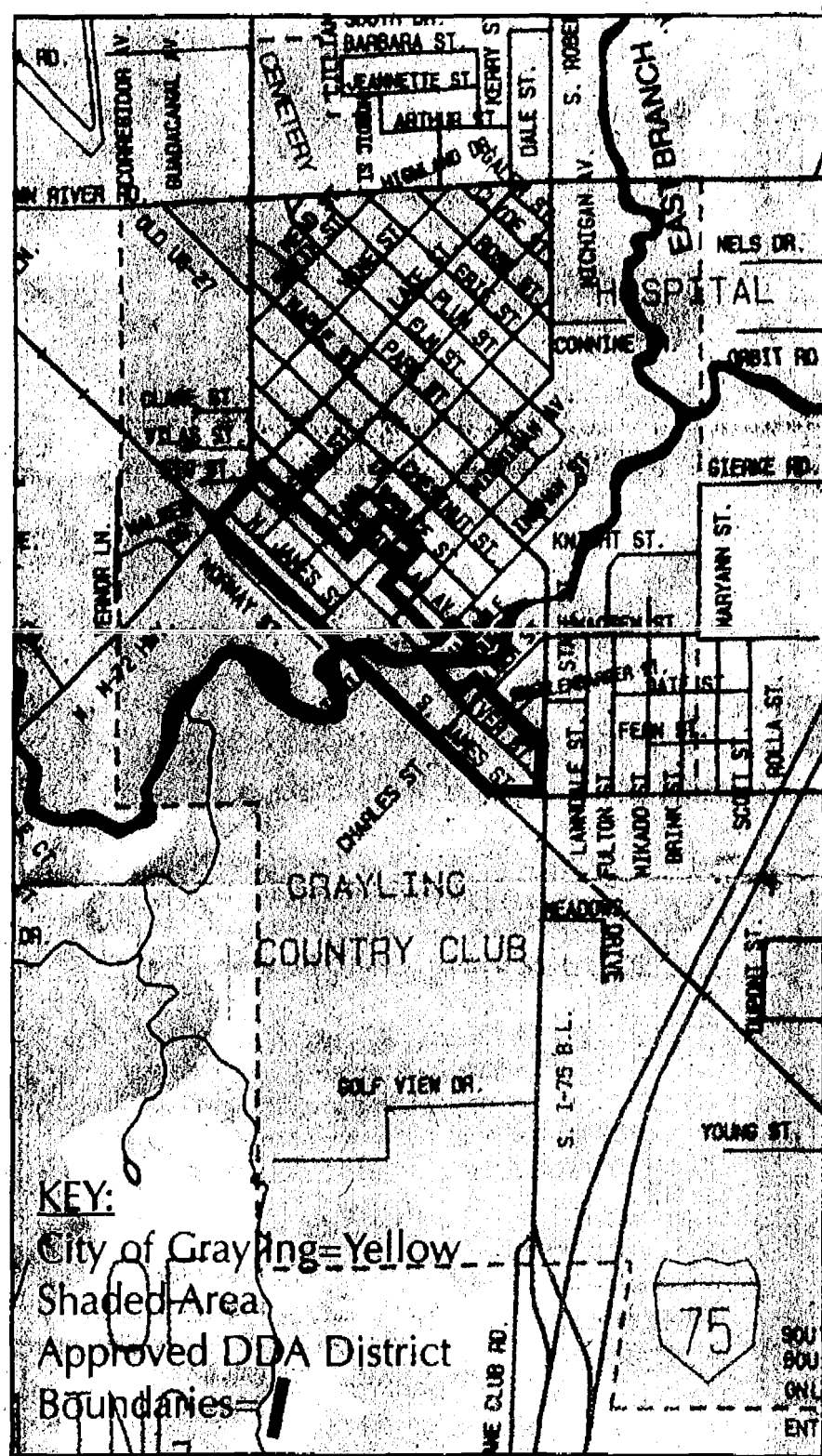
A DDA can be funded through several sources, including grants, millage, and/or Tax Increment Financing (TIF) - capture of increases in property tax values inside the DDA district. (Though the city council

has the option of collecting up to two mills for the DDA, council members have said throughout the formation process that they are against using a millage as a funding source for the Grayling DDA.)

In March, the council conducted a public information meeting and a public hearing with regard to the DDA issue. The public hearing was a required step in the DDA formation process. The council approved a tentative set of boundaries for the DDA prior to the public hearing.

The final district area approved for the DDA at last Monday's council meeting is considerably smaller than the district that was previously proposed and discussed at the public hearing level.

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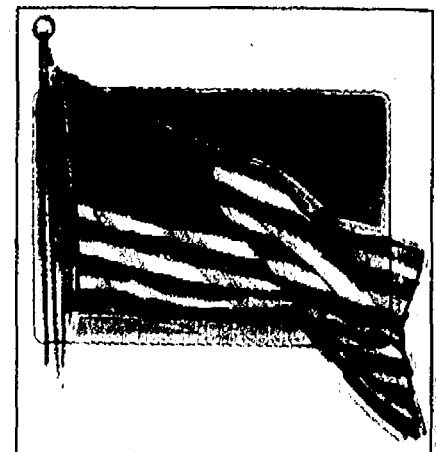
Approved district for the Grayling Downtown Development Authority

Ceremony will give old flags proper retirement

Ron Baker, Commander of American Legion Post 106 in Grayling, announced Saturday, June 14 - Flag Day - as the date of the Flag Disposal Ceremony.

The ceremony will begin at 12 noon at the post and the public is invited to attend.

Old flags to be disposed of may be dropped off at the Legion Hall on James Street, or in the flag disposal box recently installed under the Legion's sign,



anytime prior to June 14.

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Many help beautify



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Nancy Hunt, Lynn Trudeau, Gail Madsen and Ernie Dawson helped fill the new planters around Grayling.

Sixteen new planters have been delivered, placed around the two downtown Michigan Avenue blocks, then filled with dirt and beautiful flowers recently.

The portable planters and flowers replaced permanent planters removed last year because of sidewalk snow removal problems.

The City of Grayling purchased the planters and flowers

after unanimous approval by the City Council. Grayling Uptown District Association (GUDA) was instrumental in recommending and obtaining the planters.

GUDA and GPA (Grayling Promotional Association) volunteers provided the man and woman power to fill the planters for public display. Various businesses and volunteers will be watering, nurturing and caring for the flowers.

Museum desperate for volunteers

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Things are getting pretty rough around the old Crawford County Historic Museum this year. Without a new group of volunteers, hours may be cut drastically this year.

As of this date, curator Bob Ruddy said he can only staff the museum on Fridays. There is no set staffing for the remaining days of operation, Tuesday through Thursday and Saturday.

Ruddy said there's just no getting around it, his volunteers are getting up in age. "We need a younger generation to get involved with sharing the history of our county with visitors to the museum. It is a great place for high school students to earn community service hours and learn about their heritage," he explained.

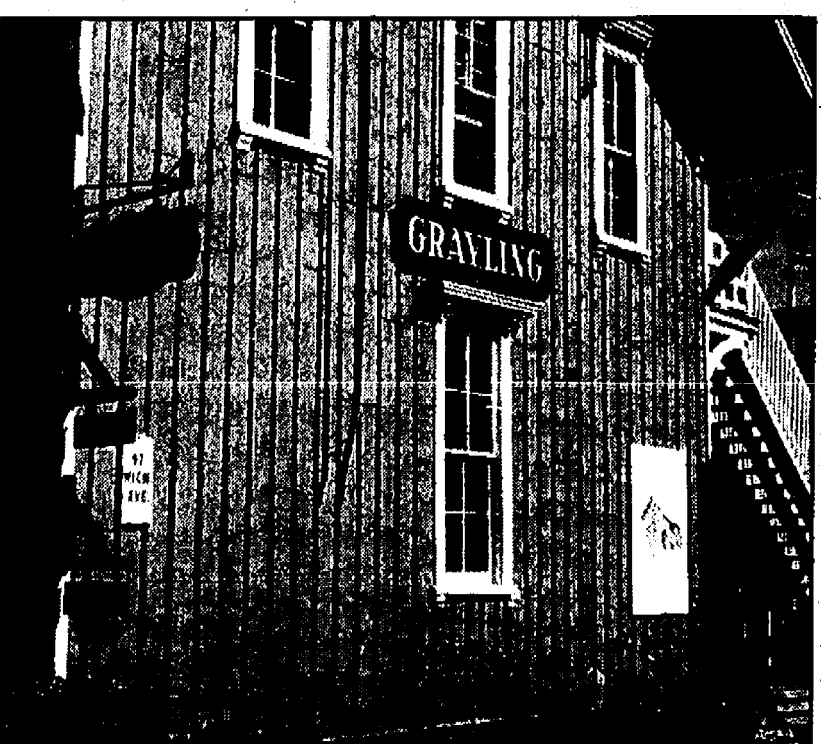
The museum, located at the west end of Michigan Avenue

in Grayling, is filled with thousands of artifacts, photos and interesting displays depicting the early days of Crawford County. Volunteers receive "on the job training" to get them started. All you need is a friendly attitude and a smile to work at the museum.

Ruddy said he is looking for people, young and old alike, who would enjoy sharing history with visitors. Senior citizens, teens and part-year residents are welcome and encouraged to volunteer and can choose to work from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., or both.

"If we don't find some help soon, we may be open on Fridays only and will not be able to participate in Heritage Days this August," Ruddy said.

For more information or to sign up to volunteer, call Ruddy at (989) 348-6294 or (989) 348-7333.



Without a new group of volunteers, the Crawford County Historic Museum will have to cut its hours.

State's concern halts county fair funding

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Officials from the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) met last week in Grayling with a group of about 30 local concerned citizens to discuss the future of the Crawford County Fair.

MDA Fair, Exhibitions and Racing Director Barbara Hensinger said her agency became concerned earlier this year when the local Fair Board applied for \$30,000 in matching grant funding even though the Crawford County Fair was poorly attended and lacked local participation in agriculture related exhibits.

"We received a fax from the Fair Board the morning of our meeting on May 28 stating there was no fair planned for this

year," said Cinda Karlik, MDA Fair Financial Program Manager. No members of the Fair Board attended the meeting held that morning at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, though invited to attend.

The *Traverse City Record-Eagle* reported last week that Fair Board President Ron Case said his board has resigned. The *Avalanche* has been unable to reach Case, but a call to Karlik's office in Lansing revealed the MDA has received no word on such a resignation.

Karlik said the Fair Board must notify her agency of the resignation. The membership of the Fair Association has the right to hold elections to install a new board. Hensinger said the Fair Board has reported \$600 in memberships paid, which would amount to 120 members, but she called that number questionable.

"We would like to hear from the members," Hensinger said. "Any group can form an agricultural society, which would serve as the local fair authority. The problem is, we cannot provide any funding until the group exists for three years, but we anticipate the regulations to be softened some in the near future."

According to Hensinger, only

29 exhibitors participated in the 2002 Crawford County Fair. A horse show was also offered. Each year, the MDA provides 64 percent of funding for premiums or cash awards for winning exhibits, with hundreds of categories available for competition.

Fairs have come a long way since the 1800s, Hensinger explained. "To be successful, communities have to get back to their roots," she said. "The turn out here at this meeting shows this community wants a successful fair." Hensinger and Karlik said the MDA is willing to help if the people of Crawford County are willing to create a partnership and a corrective action plan for the current problems.

Comments from those in attendance included getting the fair back to its roots of lumbering and steering away from a big emphasis on agriculture, though there is a need to keep the local 4-H highly involved.

Groups represented at the meeting included MSU-E 4-H, Grayling Little League, Redskin Football, Chamber of Commerce, Grayling Youth Boosters, Grayling Recreation Authority, Friends of the Library, Rotary, Animal Shelter of Crawford County, Grayling Promotional Association,

Crawford AuSable Schools, Mercy Hospital, Crawford County Transit Authority, and the County Board of Commissioners.

"I am encouraged to see a desire to do something about the fair," said Commissioner Terry Beardslee. "We really need a master plan for the whole (fair-ground) area. A lot of work needs to be done to the grounds. It can be revived and I would like to see the fair brought back to life. I am concerned about finances and that people are reluctant to get involved with the Fair Board. We need to get rid of that stigma."

The County Board recently formed a Fairgrounds Land Use Committee when it severed ties with the Fair Board due to a breach in contract.

"You need to get a broad base of the community involved in the fair," Hensinger advised. "You have to ask what does your community value and create partnerships with those groups already situated with the fair."

Anyone, especially members of the Crawford County Fair Association, interested in contacting the MDA regarding the Fair Board situation, should call Hensinger at (517) 373-9716 or Karlik at (517) 373-9760.

New environmental monitor familiar with the job

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

New Crawford County Environmental Monitor Bruce Patrick is very familiar with Crawford County since he has worked in this area since 1979,

first as a conservation officer for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

From 1994 to 1999, when he retired, he was an Environmental Conservation Officer where he dealt with environmental protec-

tion laws on hazardous waste, solid waste and air pollution which is an exact fit to his new job.

He began working as the county's Environmental Monitor in February and has been dealing with the controversies involving the Waters Landfill - both Big Rock Point waste and Canadian trash.

Patrick said he will continue to monitor the landfill and although he is happy with the recycling program in the county he is investigating ways to expand it. He is also working on ways to expand the materials that can be turned in on Hazardous Waste Day.

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Men's Group honors local WWII veterans



Photo courtesy of the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church Men's Group

Local World War II veterans were honored recently by the Michelson Church Men's Group, giving the men an opportunity to share their experiences of over a half century ago. Those able to attend were, from left: (seated) Al Wiedman, Leo Post, Bob Hartwig, Don Geiss, Bill Rutter, Chuck Roman; (standing) John Nims, John Wylie, Walt Taylor, Bill Greene, Joe Kutkuhn, Harvey Rowland, Walter Fleeger, Larry Smith.

The Men's Group of Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, in Grayling, recently celebrated its 50th meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

Don Geiss, a World War II (WWII) prisoner of war (POW), spoke to 77 men telling them about his capture in Germany. He was a sergeant in the U.S. Army serving in the 8th Infantry Division, which had a 300-percent replacement in personnel during the war due to casualties.

A major ordered Geiss' company of 197 men to move forward

ward and, when only 16 men were left, surrendered. Geiss had been shot in the leg.

As POWs, the men were given hard cider, placed in a barn, and then started out on a 175-mile march back to Paris, France. They were strafed by U.S. war planes.

The men continued toward France by bus, railroad boxcars and foot.

Food, when available, consisted of boiled turnips and sugar beets, and black bread. At the end of his one-year ordeal,

Geiss' weight had dropped from 180 pounds to 130.

Geiss told the group that all the POWs were scared, feeling helpless while taking a great amount of punishment and saying nothing.

Personal experiences were also shared by Walter Fleeger, Bill Greene, Bill Rutter, Larry Smith, Walt Taylor, Al Wiedman and John Wylie. Other WWII veterans attending were: Bob Hartwig, Joe Kutkuhn, John Nims, Leo Post, Chuck Roman and Harvey Rowland. Those

invited, but unable to attend were also honored. They were: Bill Beck, Bob Bovee, Jim Friedman, Harold Hatfield, Bob McIntosh, John Thomas, and Art Weideman.

The Men's Group meets on the fourth Monday of each month for a prepared dinner, fellowship and a presentation or facility tour. Men of all faiths are welcome.

For more information, call Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, located at 400 East Michigan Avenue in Grayling, at 348-2974.

Open your home to a new furry friend

► June is Adopt a Shelter Cat Month; animal shelter has plenty

Anyone who has ever said they hate cats probably has never lived with one of these fine friends. Adopting an older cat can be the most wonderful experience in companionship and just plain fun.

Many adult cats come to the Animal Shelter of Crawford County each year. Most of them are someone's pet, but for some reason, most aren't retrieved by their owners.

Shelter Manager Dixie Lobsinger said, "The sad fact is we, as a society, don't put as much value on cats as we do on dogs, even though they are great companions, low maintenance and live longer than dogs generally do."

Lobsinger said many people adopt a kitten instead of an adult cat and find they need a lot of attention to keep them from getting in trouble, just like a puppy. Adult cats have been through the kitten stage and are generally calmer and less likely to climb your curtains or chew up a wire. Although their curiosity is life-long, adult cats are more content to sit on your lap or lounge on a window sill, and provide hours of entertainment with their antics, than to be causing trouble. They are also great "mousers."

In the past year, the Animal Shelter has refurbished a mobile home, donated by Ray Swiercz, to house the increasing number of cats brought in by the Animal Control officer. But the new facility is always full and many cats are waiting for new homes.

"Many pregnant animals come

to the shelter each year," remarked Lobsinger. "They are turned out by their owners who could have stopped the unwanted pregnancy from happening by getting them spayed."

Getting your male cat neutered is also an extremely effective way of cutting down the unwanted litters of kittens that come to the shelter each year. One cat can father hundreds of litters throughout its lifetime. Those who can not afford the full price of surgery are urged to contact the shelter to learn about low-cost opportunities.

Lobsinger said those interested in adopting should choose a new cat friend on the basis of their personality, not color or breed. "It's unfortunate that black is the dominate color in both cats and dogs, but black animals are always the last to find homes. We have some very friendly and playful black cats who would make wonderful pets," she said.

The cost to adopt a cat from the Animal Shelter is \$50. Lobsinger has been working with local veterinarians in an effort to have every animal altered prior to adoption as a cost-saving incentive to new owners and to ensure the shelter is doing its best to help prevent unwanted litters in the future. The cats are also current on their vaccinations and most have been feline leukemia tested.

The Animal Shelter of



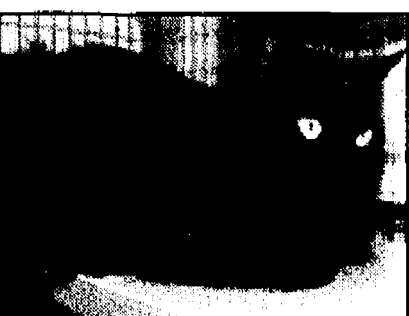
Sophie is nursing her three kittens. She came to the shelter pregnant. She will be available for adoption, along with her kittens in the near future.

Crawford County is open seven days a week, Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Sundays and holidays from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. After hours appointments can be arranged.

To make a donation to help defray the cost of the shelter's spay/neuter program, or to help with general daily expenses,

make check payable to the Animal Shelter of Crawford County and mail to P.O. Box 384, Grayling MI 49738.

Shelter pets are featured on line at www.ascc.petfinder.com. For more information about adoptions, low-cost spays and neuters, or volunteer opportunities at the shelter, call (989) 348-4117.



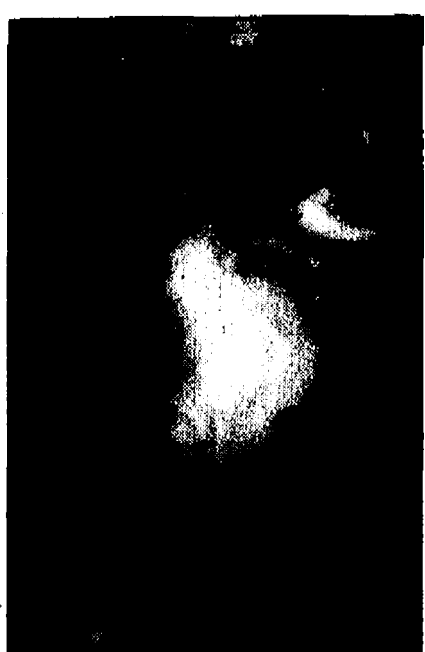
Savannah is a black long haired cat, spayed and declawed.



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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Land use, urban sprawl plague Michigan

URBAN SPRAWL has become an important term in Michigan politics and government this year.

Every politician, environmentalist and developer -- and most voters -- seem to recognize proper land use as a problem, but nobody so far has come up with acceptable answers.

Governor Jennifer Granholm and legislative leaders a couple months ago appointed a special commission called Michigan Land Use Leadership Council to tackle the problem.

Former Republican Governor William Milliken and former Democratic Attorney General Frank Kelley agreed to leave public retirement to serve as co-chairs. Both are well respected for their long tenures as responsible Michigan leaders. Neither lost an election, either.

The commission's charge is to come up with rules to curb urban sprawl, loss of farmland and decay of core urban areas.

Setting up the commission is the easy part. Getting good answers is much more difficult. Recommendations are due in August.

MORE AND MORE green space is being developed into subdivisions, individual homes, shopping strips or malls. Trees, open spaces, farmlands, grass are being replaced by asphalt and cement.

In a planning paradox, many city centers are declining. As urban cores deteriorate, residents move to suburbs, big lots and bigger houses sprout, open space is lost in a disturbing wave of growth.

What happens when all the

green is gone? Will the Lower Peninsula develop itself into one big chunk of concrete from Ohio to the Straits of Mackinac?

The Milliken-Kelley commission likely will come up with proposals for added state regulations on growth and planning.

Basic control, now rests with local governments, which probably know better than anybody how their community should develop.

But even where property owners can traipse down to the city or township hall with their planning, zoning and other land use problems, answers frequently are unsatisfactory.

The fundamental questions remain: Why and how should government regulate use of private property?

COMMENTS BY Nancy

White, County Commission chair in burgeoning Macomb County, illustrate part of the dilemma. At a roundtable of government leaders from southeastern Michigan, Ms. White said:

"We're very concerned about the north end of Macomb county. Farmers are selling their land for \$33,000 an acre. We have a lot of small vegetable farms. People come out on Saturdays and Sundays to farmers markets. I just don't want to lose that."

Small farmers and small markets are very attractive, especially to city folks who live nearby and don't have to endure the travails of trying to run a successful farm.

But if a farmer wants to sell land for \$33,000 an acre, or some other sum which might mean comfortable retirement, then why not? Whose use of the land is

primary? The owner's, or the community's? Should the right to sell be restricted?

TO BE SUCCESSFUL, our democratic form of government requires that citizens may be called upon to give up some things for the overall good of the community.

Perhaps it is a couple of years for military service. Perhaps it is the right to drive your car as fast as you want. Perhaps it is to pay taxes to support community schools, even if you don't have children attending those schools. The overall good prevails.

Should the community be able to dictate how private property owners may dispose of their property, or define its use?

What should be the basic community which can require sacrifice of property rights? Should it

be the township or city? The county? The state of Michigan?

Everyone wants a pleasant place to live. Most folks agree with the need for intelligent growth, and prudent use of natural resources.

But how do we accomplish these goals, without sacrificing too many citizen rights, and keep everyone happy in the process?

If former Governor Milliken and former Attorney General Kelley can come up with satisfactory answers, Michigan should bring them back into office and let them run things for the rest of their lives.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Burial of loved one brings extra grief

To the editor,

For as long as any of us can remember, we were not only taught to respect the living, but were very sternly taught to respect our dead.

These teachings were handed down generation to generation, being that you take care of cemetery lots, clean them, respect those who have passed by placing flowers on Memorial Day, removing those on Labor Day while placing decorations for Christmas, then removing those in the spring.

Graves were always carefully maintained by family, not left to township workers, etc. My grandpa, Cecil Canfield, was so much a stickler for this kind of respectfulness that on two occasions we've also dug the graves of family members, his being one of them. To some, this may seem a little extreme, to others maybe a wish they could have done this themselves as one last practice to honor a person who has passed.

On May 19, we buried our beloved mother and grandmother, Clois Canfield. Our wish was to also dig her grave, to have it

just perfect for her final resting place beside her beloved husband, Cecil, and her dearly loved sister. However, due to insurance restrictions, we were unable to do it as it is now up to Beaver Creek Township to hire this done.

In the process of opening her grave using heavy equipment, the rest of our family at peace suffered, in our minds, a very disrespectful act. Their graves were driven across by the equipment, numerous times from the look of it. There are now deep trenches where there should only be footsteps on hallowed ground.

Not only were our family's graves disturbed in such a way, but also that of a very small child who has been buried there for as long as I can remember. Of course we were upset, as can be expected.

In the process of trying to solve this problem, finding out what was going to be done to fix it, a family member was accused of being drunk by the Beaver Creek Township Clerk. This being said to a man who does not drink, and certainly wasn't drunk on the day of his grandmother's

viewing and the night before her funeral. The Clerk was disgruntled by being called at 10 p.m. over a problem she couldn't do anything about. Maybe a call that late was a little excessive, but to us, who were burying a loved one, we felt it was necessary.

I don't think our horror and anguish was "too much." I don't feel we were in the wrong by expressing our anger on this matter. I do, however, believe that an apology is owed to our "drunkard" and maybe someone who is taught respect and cemetery manners should do the work next time.

Maybe someone should be appointed to oversee this sort of thing, someone who doesn't have such a busy schedule... not just for our family, but for anyone else who has to go through this rough time. It's not something we'll soon forget. And, I sit here and wonder, how would those people react if they were in our shoes on this day we forever say goodbye to a loved one?

Billie Jo Miller
Grayling

New nature park earns boy's praise

To the editor,

I like the new Fish Hatchery Nature Park.

I like how Mr. Wright and his friends designed it and used their

imagination.

My sister and I like to play there. We especially like the slides, fish, telephones and rock-climbing wall. We meet new

friends every day that we go there.

Nick Smock, age 7
Grayling

War opponent extends olive branch

To the editor,

PFC Justin Michal and his fellow squad members of Unit 5K believe the Grayling Peace Group has no right to voice our opinion. They presume we're ignorant about the Middle East and ask if we've ever met a Middle Eastern person.

Actually, most of our group has been to the Middle East, several of us have Arab friends, and I, myself, lived and worked there for 12 1/2 years. In 1980, I was writing (President) Reagan, begging him not to support and/or arm Saddam Hussein, so I think I can say I'm not altogether blind about the issues. I'm still in touch with Iranian and Arab friends I met there. I'd like to share some of their recent e-mails: (Spelling has been corrected)

From a former student in Iran: "Remember the day we went to a shrine in Isfahan. I talked about prejudice. Now prejudice has become stronger. I wish all the money devoted to make military weapons be used to heighten the culture of coexistence."

A Saudi computer consultant: "We have mixed opinions here as always... lots of Saudis have American friends, but

they still don't like U.S. policies. Some people believe the U.S. will help Israel ship all Palestinians to Iraq. Most of the media say the USA will be after the oil and after they get it, they'll forget about helping the country, like they did in Afghanistan... because they definitely have some unfinished business over there..."

An Egyptian businessman: "The best result would be making a democracy in Iraq. I hope to see that, but the USA will need patience."

A teacher in Turkey: "Most Turks are pro-Western, and now they feel let down, rather than angry at America. The West will 'win the war,' but they'll lose the people."

A young Iranian woman: "On tv they showed the bodies of four or five soldiers. I don't know if they were American or British, but I felt pity for them. Surely they have parents, friends and families and I am sure the feelings of their families is like other families all over the world. Please tell your people most Iranian families have been touched by war and lost their children and they never want it for anyone else."

people in the Middle East are not arrogant, not fanatical. They're distressed by our government's policies, but they don't hate the American people. It's because we know there are millions of voices like these we feel morally bound to raise our voices in pursuit of peace. War drowns out the voices of reason and encourages the voices of fanaticism. With the modern surge in terror, war makes the world less safe, not safer.

To those of you serving in Iraq: None of us in the Peace Group are anti-military. We opposed a preemptive war because we didn't want you to get shot at for what we considered dubious reasons. However, now you're there, and we all hope and pray all of you come home in one piece.

We also hope you're able to make personal friends among the Iraqis, so you can help build bridges of peace and understanding in the future.

P.S. If you want letters, I'll send a copy of this to your APO, and write to any of you who want to write to me.

Cathy Lester
Grayling

Young soldiers: remember the right to free speech

To the editor,

After reading the "nonsense" editorial from some of our young soldiers, I feel compelled to reply.

As a young soldier in Vietnam, my view of the war was pretty narrow. My perspective on the war was like looking through a tube. I could clearly see what was viewable via the tube, but not much else.

Action involving other units would sometimes take place within a few hundred yards or a few hours of where I was at, that I wouldn't know about until reading about the event later in *Time* magazine or *Newsweek*. These weekly news magazines,

which usually arrived a month late, also provided political perspective.

Maybe the young men in the field in Iraq have a better view of war today, but I'd bet not. They are likely as dependent on the national news agencies for war news as we were in Vietnam.

Those who research the war via news magazines, the Web, newspapers and yes, CNN, Fox and other TV sources, are not necessarily "uninformed," telling "lies," "have no room for comment," "have no idea what (they) are talking about," "engag(ing) in an activity they know nothing about," or writing "nonsense."

The young soldiers, who com-

plained about editorials that don't match their view of things, should remember those things the soldiers who came before them stood for and were (like today's soldiers) willing to risk death. Free speech is first on this civil rights list. I hope no American ever gets to the point where they believe they should "not attempt to reply" to an editorial, not "protest... on Michigan Avenue" regarding a cause they believe in, or get to a point where they believe that "chances are, no one will listen anyway."

Robert W. Mammel
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The Bible Speaks

America's Future?

God has blessed America in many areas beyond any nation in the history of the world. Our technological development and wealth is surpassing the wildest dreams of previous civilizations. Our military skill and power appears to be invincible. We are in a position to experience the success of a superpower like the Greeks under Alexander the Great or Rome in all her glory. America has a chance to bring freedom to all peoples enslaved around the world. We owe our success to only one thing, our Judeo-Christian roots of faith in God. America has been blessed by God's promises to Abraham in Genesis 12:3: "And I will bless thee that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." God has cursed every nation in history that has turned against Israel.

And this is the dark cloud that threatens America's future. Our nation is about equally divided between believers and unbelievers, between righteousness and sin, between those who worship wealth and those who worship God, and between those who follow love and those who follow lust. God promised us in Prov. 14:34: "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." We face a future in which we will either follow righteousness and be exalted, or we will follow sin and suffer reproach.

President Abraham Lincoln warned his generation, "we have forgotten

God." Jonathan Edwards warned our nation with his stirring sermons like, "Sinners in the hands of an angry God" resulting in a Great Spiritual Awakening. In the past, America has experienced many spiritual revivals that restored God's continued blessings upon us. But political correctness, multiculturalism, litigation, and other pressures from liberalism have silenced many pulpits across America.

The Bible makes it clear in Zechariah 14:1-4 that all nations will be united against the Jews at Jerusalem in the last great battle of Armageddon. So where is America, the nation God used to give rebirth to the nation of Israel in 1948? Where is America that God used throughout Israel's history to support and defend her? What will cause America as a nation to turn against Israel in the last days? Pagan control!

The next great prophetic event in Bible prophecy is called the rapture of the church. All Christians will be caught up to be with the Lord before that last great tribulation upon earth. The rapture is described in 1 Thess. 5:13-18: "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. 14For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 15For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain

unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 16For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18Wherefore comfort one another with these words." In that day when all American Christians are raptured, only pagans will be left in America. Will you be saved or left behind in that day? Pastor "B"

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Young Writers seminar deadline extended

The deadline to register for Kirtland Community College's Controlled Burn Seminar for Young Writers, the renowned and intense, three-credit-hour, six-day, seven night workshop for aspiring writers, has been extended to June 14, director Gerry LaFemina has announced.

The sixth annual event offers a unique opportunity for writers aged 15-20 to spend a week with published authors of books of poetry and fiction. It's a week of workshops, panels, readings and presentations by some of the

country's hottest new writers at the MacMullan Conference Center on the shores of Michigan's beautiful Higgins Lake.

"The seminar's small, intensive class sessions and excellent readings make it one of the finest communities for young writers to interact, learn, and explore poetry and fiction," LaFemina said.

It is sponsored by Kirtland Community College, home of the country's first associate in fine arts degree in creative writing. In recent years, the seminar has

attracted students from all over Michigan and beyond, including a Harvard University student last year.

Tuition for the seminar is \$650, which includes three college credits, registration fees and related costs, room and board. Several scholarships remain available, LaFemina said.

Workshops are limited, so interested students are urged to act quickly. For more information on the Young Writers Seminar, phone (989) 275-5000, ext. 376.

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by Nova Anderson

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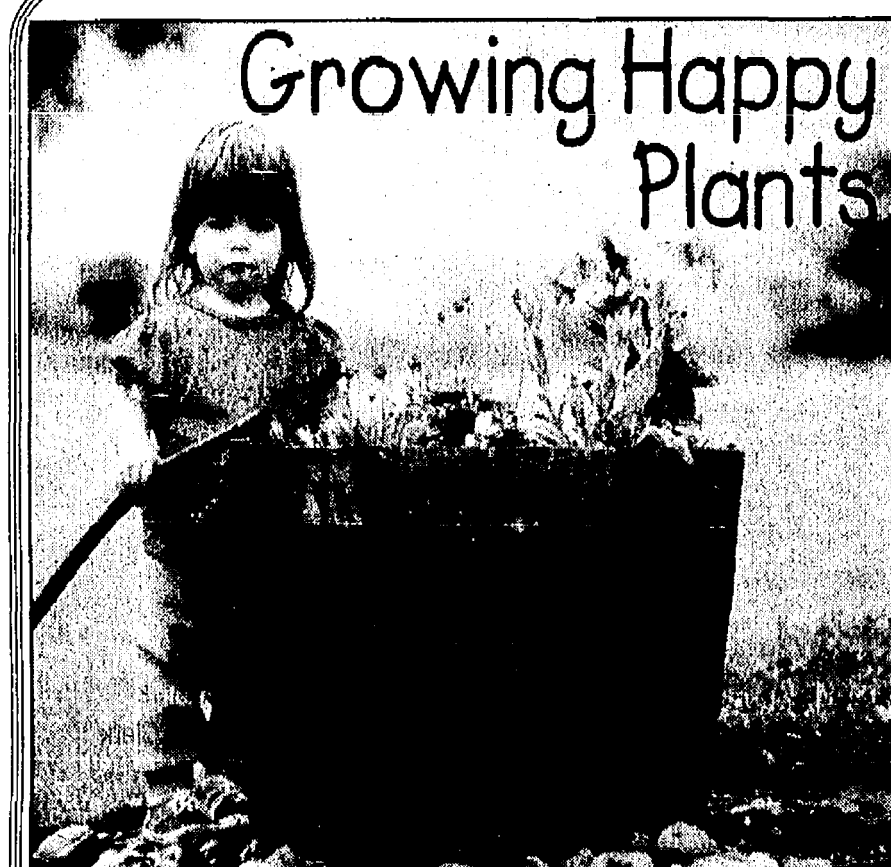
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HOMETOWN NEWS

Mary Jane Knibbs attended the graduation of her grandson, Michael Elliott, from Albion College on May 10.



Growing Happy Plants

This budding gardener already knows one of the most important rules of successful gardening. You must enrich your soil for your flowers to be more beautiful. Maybe you can "get by" with tired old dirt, but your garden will not be as vibrant or your plants as "happy".

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President David Page
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Sacrament.....10 am
Sunday School.....11 am
Primary.....11 am
Priesthood.....12 noon
Relief Society.....12 noon

Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling
Sunday School.....10 am
Sunday Service &
Children's Church.....11 am
Sunday Evening Service.....6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting.....7 pm
Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

St. John Lutheran (ELCA)
Appointed Pastor Victor Slayman
710 Spruce Street
348-5224
Sunday School.....9:15 am
Sunday Worship.....10:30 am

Community of Christ
Pastor Carol Stephan
North Down River Rd. at
1030 Glenn Rd. • P.O. Box 1188
Church School.....9:45 am
Preaching.....11 am
Midweek Service Prayer.....7 pm

Friendship Church
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Rev. Dick Oberg, Pastor
415 Ohio North, Gaylord
Sunday School.....10 am
Morning Worship.....11 am
Tue. Women's Bible Study.....10 am
Wed. Men's Bible Study.....12 noon

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community
Robert W. Nalley, J.V., Pastor
700-708 Peninsular - 348-7657
Sabbath Eucharist
Saturday Vigil Mass.....6 pm
Sunday Masses.....8:00 am
Family Mass.....10:00 am
Scripture Study (Sundays).....9:15 am
Daily Masses.....9:30 am
Wednesday & Fridays.....8:30 am

First Baptist Church of Frederic
Pastor Dale Hammond
Sunday School.....9:45 am
Morning Worship.....11 am
Evening Worship.....6 pm
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study.....7 pm

St. Francis Episcopal
M-72 West
Office 348-5850
Sunday Holy Eucharist.....8:30 & 10:30 am

Resurrection Life Church
Pastor Jimmie McWatters
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Sunday Service.....10:30 am
Phone: 231-536-7933, Fax: 231-536-3046
Wednesday.....7 pm
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Calvary Baptist Church
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor
M-72 West
Sunday School.....9:45 am
Morning Worship.....10:30 am
Evening Worship.....6 pm
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Wednesday.....7 pm
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Church of Christ
Scott Hoffer, Pastor
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Abundant Life Tabernacle
Pastor Lyle Studer
211 Shellenbarger St.
348-5325
Sunday School.....10 am
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Worship.....11 am & 6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening.....7 pm

Grayling Baptist Church
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Pastor Terry Colby
705 Madsen St. • Grayling
348-2557
Sunday School.....9:45 am
Morning Worship.....11 am
Evening Service.....6 pm
Wednesday Service.....7 pm

Bear Lake Christian
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.
Sunday School.....9 am
Sunday Service.....10 am

Luzerne Baptist
Pastor James Durfee
2247 Durfee Lane
Sunday School.....10 am
Sunday Morning Worship.....11 am
Sunday Evening Worship.....6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

Harvest Time Church of God
Pastor Fred Coates
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Wednesday.....7 pm

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OBITUARIES

Betty June Francis

Nov. 7, 1938-May 31, 2003
Betty June Francis, 64, of Beaver Creek Township, died at home after a very long battle with cancer, on Saturday, May 31.

She was born on November 7, 1938 in Farlington, Kansas to Joseph John and Olive Mae (Hencey) Massingill.

The former Betty June Massingill was married to Mr. Timothy Francis on May 16, 1959 in Ortonville.

Mrs. Francis, a resident of Grayling since October of 1971, was a former co-owner/operator of the Pine-Aire Motel with her husband for seven years. She was also a homemaker and worked at the Grayling Super 8 for five years.

Mrs. Francis enjoyed life with her husband, family and grandchildren. She also enjoyed traveling on long road trips and coffee time with friends reminiscing about the "good times" and "simple life."

She is survived by her husband, Tim Francis; two sons: Joe (Jody) Francis of Suttons Bay and Kevin Francis of Grayling; one daughter, Julie (Chad) Flowers of Grayling; six grandchildren: Kelsey Logan Francis, Shane Joseph Francis, Brandon Hunter Davison, Margaret "Maggie" Mae Francis, Shantel Marie Francis, and Rachel Amber Flowers; and her father-in-law, Lew Francis of Ortonville.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, June 3 at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel. Burial at Elmwood Cemetery in Grayling.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 82 complaints the week of May 26 through June 1:

One EMS response, nine traffic accidents, one traffic safety public appearance, one accident - all other, one motor vehicle inspection, one civil matter dispute - family trouble, nine suspicious situations, one missing person, 15 general non-criminal, three delinquent minors, four false alarm activation, three assault/intimidation/stalking, two burglary/home invasion, three larceny, one theft and sale of vehicle, seven damage to property;

One damage to public property, one drunkenness, four public peace/disorderly, four health and safety, one conservation, one vagrancy, seven driving violations/DWLS, etc., one driving on revoked/suspended/ refused license.

Sheriff Wakefield asks: "Do you know where your children are?"

For more information, log on to: www.crawfordsheriff.org.

Card of Thanks

A special thanks to family and friends for their support during my recent hospital stay.

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Betty Madsen

Lyssa Jean Pruett

Feb. 20, 1989-May 24, 2003
Lyssa Jean Pruett, 14, of Sandy, Oregon, died Saturday, May 24, in an ATV accident.

She was born on February 20, 1989, in Clackamas, Oregon to Frazier and Connie Pruett. Lyssa moved with her family to Sandy in 1996.

She was an eighth grade student at Boring Middle School where she sang in the chorus and also acted as an intermedia-tor between counselors and students.

Lyssa was a very active member of her church and was also a catcher for the Sandy Area Girls Softball team for seven years.

She is survived by her parents, Frazier and Connie; two brothers, Douglas J. and Daniel C.; one sister, Ashara Elizabeth; and her grandparents Emmarose Pruett of Brookings, OR, and Warren and Helen Hatfield of Grayling.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, May 29, at the Orient Drive Baptist Church in Boring, OR.

Lyssa Jean was laid to rest at the Sandy Ridge Cemetery in Sandy, OR.

William G. Crofts

April 4, 1912-May 17, 2003

William G. Crofts, 91, of Grayling, formerly of Bath, passed away at his home on May 17. He was born on April 4, 1912 in Olive Township, Michigan.

William lived in Bath for 60 years before moving to Grayling in 1972.

He loved to hunt and fish and also enjoyed feeding the deer, squirrels and birds.

He is survived by a friend and companion of 22 years, Eunice Weaver; a daughter - Paye (Ronald) Wellfare; one son, Carl (Bethany) Crofts, four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife Ida V. Crofts in 1977.

A memorial service will be held on June 14 at 2 p.m. at the Community of Christ Church in Grayling.

Donations in his memory may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 128 N. Court St., Gaylord, MI; or to the American Cancer Society.

Card of Thanks

The family of Craig Scott Perry wishes to express their heartfelt thanks to his many friends for their help and support.

Craig Scott Perry

July 5, 1947 - May 28, 2003
Craig Scott Perry, 55, of Grayling died Wednesday, May 28 preparing to do what he loved the best - guiding. He was born in Lansing on July 5, 1947 to Glenn and Donna (Wilkinson) Perry.

Craig served his country in the U.S. Army as a military policeman in the 287th Military Police during 1967-69 at the Berlin Wall. He worked for ten years in the Parks and Forestry Division of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. For the past 20 years he has been a fishing guide on the AuSable River.

Craig was an avid sportsman and loved hunting and fishing. Guiding ... being a guide, is being able to teach others to catch fish. He did this very well and much more. He taught people of all ages to appreciate the river, whether they were kids with their first brook trout or gentlemen with a twenty inch brown. He will be missed by his family and many friends.

He is survived by his mother, Donna Perry of Lansing, sister-in-law Pamela, nephew Zachary and niece Jessica of Grand Ledge.

He was preceded in death by his father, Glenn C. Perry (1970) and his brother Thomas Perry (1994).

Memorial services for Craig were held June 1 at 1 p.m. at Gates AuSable Lodge, Grayling. The service was officiated by the Reverend Elizabeth Chace.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Anglers of the AuSable, 403 Black Bear Drive, Grayling, MI 49738.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

John P. Messer

Aug. 18, 1921 - May 19, 2003

John P. Messer, 81, of Roscommon (South Branch Township), died Monday, May 19, 2003.

No services are planned. Arrangements by Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.

Lawrence Bernard Vitall

Jan. 1, 1931-May 28, 2003
Lawrence Bernard Vitall, age 72, of Lovells, passed away Wednesday, May 28, after a long and unsuccessful recovery from major vascular surgery in January, 2003. He was born on January 1, 1931 in Saginaw.

Lawrence was a graduate of St. Mary's Catholic High School and in June of 1948 he joined the United States Navy. He served on the USS Epperson and was honorably discharged as a Firecontrolman 3rd Class, in June, 1952. He graduated from Michigan State University.

On June 4, 1955, Lawrence married Joan Ileen Markey. Together they had two children. He retired in October of 1986 from Saginaw Steering Gear.

He is survived by his daughter Cindy Vitall-Heino, son-in-law Alec Heino, three grandchildren: Amber Serra, Tiffany Serra, and Ryan Vitall-Heino, all of Highland, and many nieces and nephews.

Lawrence was predeceased by his wife on May 11, 2003 and his son Terrance in 1958.

Lawrence's wishes were to be cremated without services.

Friends and family may choose to donate in his memory to the American Lung Association or the Kidney Foundation.

Arrangements by Elton Black and Son Funeral Home, 3295 East Highland Road, Highland, MI 48356.

Carol Jean Packard

June 1, 2003

Carol Jean Packard, 81, of Vero Beach, Florida, died Sunday, June 1 at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home in Charlevoix.

No services are planned. Arrangements by Winchester Funeral Home, Charlevoix.

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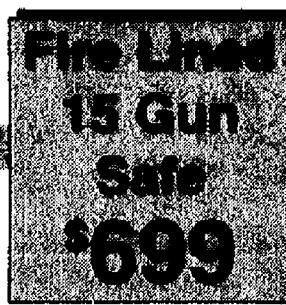
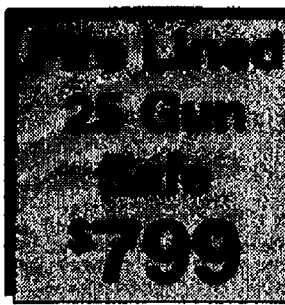
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If any volunteers are interested in helping during the summer months there is a sign-up sheet located in the library volunteer area. There will not be a volunteer schedule for the summer but if you feel you are able to give an hour or two that would be great!! Just come in, sign up and let us know.

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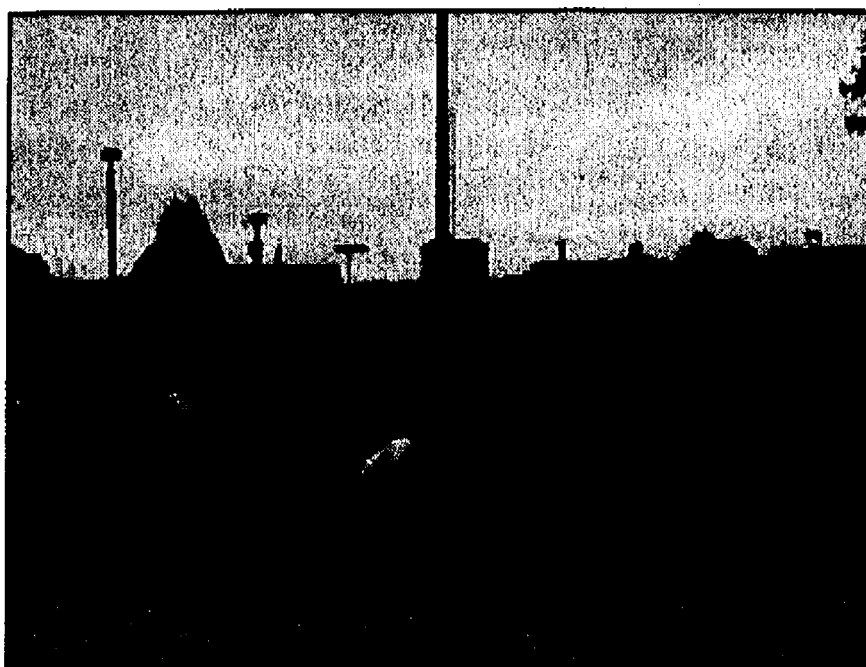
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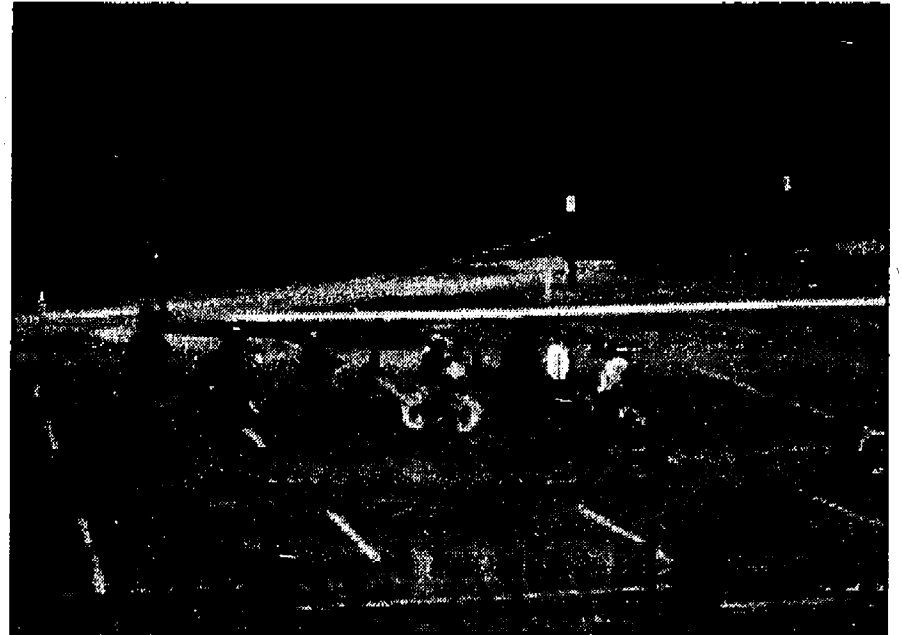
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Wellington Farm Park, near Higgins Lake and Grayling, will open for the 2003 season on Friday, June 13 with a schedule of 15 special events.

The park is a 60-acre living history farm set in the year 1932. Of special significance this sea-

son will be a display in the Visitor's Center depicting the history of the community of Wellington, which existed from 1881 until 1918. Wellington was founded by Wellington Batterson, the first judge of Crawford County.

Wellington Farm Park is a great place to spend a couple of hours enjoying the out-of-doors and learning about farm life of past generations. The park offers a Petting Barnyard, a Sawmill, Carpenter Shop, Grist Mill, Machine Shed filled with huge farm machinery and a Summer Kitchen.

The Farm also has a large picnic pavilion which is ideal for picnics, reunions and social gatherings of all kinds. It is also a popular setting for weddings and receptions. Anyone interested in reserving the park facilities for such an occasion should call the office at 1-888-653-3276 or visit the farm's web site at www.wellingtonfarmpark.org.

The Farm Market at Wellington is open seven days a week, offering fresh vegetables, fruits, maple syrup, homemade soups, bird seed, animal feeds and gourds.

The Farm Park is available to the public seven days a week also, however interpreters are available only on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. There is an admission charge for days the interpreters are in the park.

The first event of the year at Wellington Farm Park will be a re-enactment of military events which took place during the 1760s in French and Indian War. The dates for the re-enactment are June 21-22. Troops of both British and French will be set up in the park and a re-enacted military encounter will take place each afternoon.

The Farm Folk, the park's volunteer group, will also be discussing the coming tourist season and making their plans to make sure the farm is ready for visitors on opening day and this year's 15 special events. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Wellington Farm Folk is encouraged to call Howard Taylor at 348-5187.

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State's long-term care task force to meet in Grayling

LANSING — A cross section of private citizens and experts on aging from throughout the state will join a blue ribbon task force formed by House Democratic Leader Diane Byrum to find ways to improve the delivery of long-term care for patients and their families and expand consumer protections.

"It is heartening to see such an impressive group of individuals step up to the plate to offer their

time and talents toward finding creative solutions to the long-term care issues we are facing in Michigan," Byrum said.

The Task Force will hold its initial Northern Michigan hearing at Mercy Hospital in Grayling on Monday, June 9, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The public is welcome.

State Representative Matt Gillard (D-Alpena) is among more than 20 people selected to serve on the Michigan Long-

Term Care Task Force.

The Task Force has already held hearings this month in Flint and Warren. They are gathering testimony from consumers, families, long-term care providers, health care experts, advocacy groups and others. The information will be compiled into a report to be delivered to the full Legislature and Governor Jennifer Granholm.

Long-term care is a particular-

ly important issue to residents in Gillard's 106th House District, which includes the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda and Presque Isle.

Seniors (defined as age 62 and over) comprise 23.6 percent of the population in those six counties, compared to the statewide average of 12.3 percent. The percentage of residents age 55 and over also is almost double the state's per capita average, according to the 2000 Census.

"Unfortunately, because of economic conditions and dramatic increases in the cost of health insurance, many seniors are unable to afford the kind of care that allows them to live independently in their own homes," Gillard said.

"It is frustrating to see loved ones and their families suffer through such heartbreaking situations. My hope is that we can provide some solutions to ease their burden," said Gillard, stressing the importance of using the task force's findings as a blueprint to build a legislative agenda on the issue.

"Saving for long-term care is an admirable goal, but the costs shouldn't price people out of their homes or rob them of their life savings," he said.

Mercy Hospital lab earns high marks

The Laboratory at Mercy Hospital Grayling received high marks for performance following an intensive three-day inspection by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. The Lab received a score of 96 out of 100.

"We are very pleased," said Diane Hagle, Director of Laboratory Services. "This is a comprehensive evaluation and we're very proud of everybody. It went very well."

Meeting the Joint Commission's rigorous national standards is an important bench-

mark for hospitals. JCAHO officials conduct an inspection of clinical laboratories once every two years. Hagle said the lab is always ready for inspection because it maintains high quality standards every day of the year.

The inspection involves evaluating the laboratory against hundreds of national standards related to quality control, safety, infection control, management of human resources in terms of staff qualifications and staffing levels, data tracking, instrumentation, and leadership.

The laboratory's high score

bodes well for the full hospital survey which will take place soon. JCAHO inspector Robert Jernigan said if the rest of the organization is managed like the laboratory, the hospital should receive an outstanding overall rating as well.

Mercy Hospital Grayling was selected by JCAHO as one of the few hospitals in the country to pilot a new survey that will be used to evaluate hospitals nationwide beginning in 2004. That survey will take place in late June.

State senator's first bill signed into law

LANSING — Senator Tony Stamas (R-Midland) announced that Senate Bill 180, a bill he sponsored which would prohibit state government agencies and departments from using fee telephone numbers to charge callers who want to access public information, was signed into law last week by Governor Jennifer Granholm.

Some state agencies, including the Department of Consumer and Industry Services, had been charging as much as \$1.50 per minute to access public information.

SB 180 is now Public Act 12 of 2003, indicating it is only the

12th bill signed into law this year. It is also the first bill to be signed into law for Stamas since joining the Senate earlier this year.

"It is an honor to have a piece of legislation make it through the process this quickly," Stamas

Few spots remain for trip to Moscow

Reservations on a memorable trip to Russia are still open. The July journey, to Moscow, Lake Baikal and Siberia, will focus on such outdoors activities as rafting, fishing and hiking on Lake Baikal, the largest freshwater lake in the world, and visits to Russian and local villages, tem-

pland. "I think it shows just how important it is that public information should be free of charge to hardworking, tax-paying citizens."

"I am happy my colleagues and the Governor agreed and saw fit to make this the law in such a

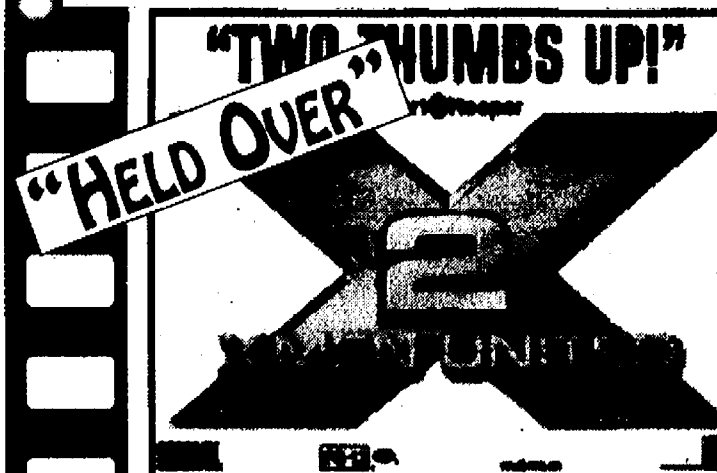
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Merit Scholarship Award program saved

LANSING — Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema said Congress' approval of nearly \$706 million in aid to Michigan -- including \$365 million in additional Medicaid funding -- means the Merit Award Scholarship will continue to make a college education affordable to tens of thousands of families each year.

Sikkema (R-Wyoming) also said the federal assistance, which Congress approved in late May, makes it possible for Republicans and Governor Jennifer M. Granholm to fund their budget priorities without raising taxes or drastic budget cuts.

"Everyone in Michigan wins with this federal aid," Sikkema said. "This means we can keep out commitment of providing greater access to health care to those who cannot afford it and our promise to reward students who work hard and stay in school."

At the end of May, Senate Republicans outlined plans to generate more than \$100 million a year through the "Driver Responsibility" and "Claim It Correctly" programs. Now that the federal government is helping states cover increased Medicaid costs, the pressure to use Merit Award funding for other purposes no longer exists.

Governor Granholm proposed diverting the money away from the Merit Award -- which comes from Michigan's share of the federal tobacco lawsuit settlement -- and using it to shore up Medicaid funding shortfalls.

"Merit is saved," he said. "Now that we have a clear path to balancing Michigan's budget, we can start tackling the other important issues facing the state -- without raising taxes."

In April, Senate Republicans started to hold hearings around Michigan to hear first-hand the importance of the Merit Award and to explain why preserving it is a top priority for the GOP majority.

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Dale and Geraldine Clemens, of Grayling, were married on June 12, 1953 and will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with friends and family at an Open House in their honor, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., on Saturday, June 14, at Hanson Hills Recreation Area in Grayling. Mr. and Mrs. Clemens have four children: Mark Clemens, Marianne (Russ) Harris, Dawn (Patrick) Ostrander, and Eric (Diana) Clemens. They also have eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during June 4 - June 10 is as follows:

The Range 40 Air to Ground Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during the following dates: June 2-5; June 9-10.

Small arms ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek: June 6-10.

Range 17, Hand Grenade Range located south of the main post, north of Carrier Road, east of Range 13 and west of Beaver

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Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Occasionally, the Post Commander without additional notice to the public may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time.

This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371.

For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following 89 complaints during the period from May 18 - June 1:

Two traffic accidents, one private property accident, two traffic controls, one OUIL, one minor in possession, one B&E, two animal control, two larceny, four assist other departments,

nine juvenile, two property damage;

One fire response, three suspicious situation, two domestic, seven disturbing the peace, one attempt to locate, two city ordinance violations, three liquor law violations, five alarm, two civil, 27 unclassified, one permit to purchase and eight traffic warnings were issued.

Henions celebrate 25 years



Dave and Mariann Henion, of Frederic, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on April 15.

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Junior Deputies graduate



Fourth graders at Frederic Elementary were sworn in as Junior Deputies by Sheriff Kirk Wakefield May 27. After a year-long course where they were instructed in various aspects of safety and responsibility they received a certificate and badge. The new deputies are: (back row, left to right) Ashley Moery, John Pirich, David Bickmann, Breanna O'Reilly, Emily Miljure, Elizabeth Kengel, Abbey Thomas, Jessica Webb, and Joshua Prause. Front row: Rachel Nisch, Rosemary Graham, Cara Miller, Nicholas Jacobs, Allyssa Wilson, Samantha Martin, Jeremy Richardson, and Blake Wood. Absent Roger Heggie and Drake Kaul.



One hundred twenty nine fourth graders at Grayling Elementary graduated from the Junior Deputy program May 30. Program director Deputy Bill Bonkowski congratulated them and told them that some of their parents had probably been junior deputies since the program was more than 25 years old. After they were called up individually and given their certificates and badges they were sworn in by Sheriff Kirk Wakefield.

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CCC days to be featured in song and stories

Bill Jamerson, a storyteller and folksinger from Marquette, will perform songs about the Civilian Conservation Corps at three shows in northern Michigan this weekend.

Jamerson will perform at the 21st annual Michigan CCC Alumni Reunion at North Higgins Lake State Park on Friday, June 6 at 6 p.m. at the campground. On Saturday, June 7, at 7 p.m., he will be at the Logging Museum at Hartwick Pines State Park near Grayling, and on Sunday, June 8, the final show will be held at the Lumberman's Monument near Oscoda at 2 p.m.

Jamerson will perform with his guitar and tell stories about life in the federal works program created by President Franklin D. Roosevelt during the Great Depression. The CCC took hundreds of thousands of unemployed young men between the ages of 17 and 24 and put them to

work in camps located in the wilderness.

In Michigan alone, the CCC employed over 100,000 young men in 125 separate camps from 1933-1942. The CCC Boys were active in many conservation measures including planting hundreds of millions of trees, fighting forest fires, building parks -- both state parks and national parks, creating fish hatcheries and wildlife refuges and erosion control.

There is no charge for any of these programs, but for the shows at North Higgins Lake State Park and Hartwick Pines State Park, a state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry. Permits are \$4 for a daily permit, \$20 for an annual permit, and \$5 for a senior citizen annual permit (65 and over).

For more information, call (989) 348-2537 for the shows in Higgins Lake and at Hartwick Pines, and (989) 739-0728 for the show at the Lumberman's Monument.

City approves DDA formation

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Council members have been at odds over the size of the district throughout the process. Some councilmen have argued that a district too large could hamper the city's finances by capturing too much of its growth, and others have said the DDA would compensate for those losses by improving the overall health of the city's business community.

On Monday night, the council voted 3-2 to approve ordinance language creating a DDA in the city with boundaries that include, approximately, the businesses along James Street from M-72 East to M-72 West, plus the businesses on Michigan Avenue

from James Street to Spruce Street. The motion was made by Councilman Tom Wellman and it received a second from Councilman Jerry Hayes.

Prior to the 3-2 vote, a motion by Councilman Dennis Palmer to create a DDA, with a district significantly larger than the one approved, failed due to lack of a second. Palmer and Councilman Roger Moshier both voted "no" on the motion that passed.

The city must now create a DDA board. The board reports to the council and is responsible for planning projects within the DDA district. The council has not specified how it will select members to serve on the DDA board.

Voters to decide two school board seats

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file a Declaration of Intent on or before 4 p.m. on Friday, June 6.

Polls will be open Monday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Polling locations are as follows:

Precinct 1 - Grayling Middle School on Ogemaw Street in Grayling; this precinct includes all registered voters residing in Grayling Township, the City of Grayling, a portion of Beaver Creek Township, and a portion of Bear Lake Township in Kalkaska County.

Precinct 2 - Frederic Elementary School on Manistee

Street in the village of Frederic; this precinct includes all registered voters residing in Frederic Township, Maple Forest Township, and a portion of Otsego Lake Township in Otsego County.

Precinct 3 - Lovells Township Hall; this precinct includes all registered voters residing in Lovells Township.

No millage issues are to be decided in this year's school election.

Results of the June 9 election will be reported in the June 12 edition of the *Avalanche*.

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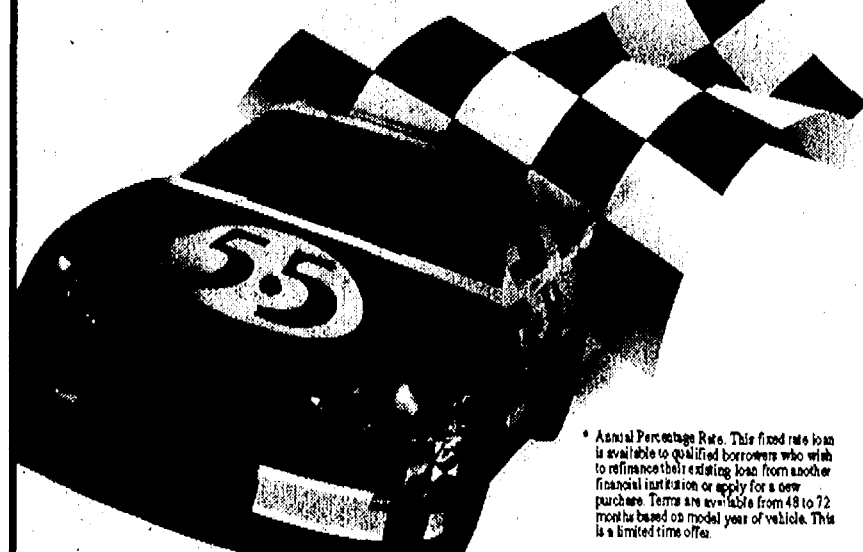
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Hope College announced the second semester Dean's List for the 2002-2003 school year.

Among the students named were Jessica M. Barber and Lindsey S. Voelker, both of Grayling.

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Local paddler earns trip to world kayak championships

Grayling native Steve Corlew, 22, will represent the United States at the Kayak Marathon World Championships in Spain September 27-28, 2003. He will compete in the two-man kayak race with fellow USA Kayak National Team member Ty Hagler, 23, of Gainesville, Georgia.

"It's like a dream to be able to wear USA on your chest and try to show you can compete with the best guys in the world," said Corlew. "But to sit down and think about it is kind of overwhelming, so I just try to work hard at it."

Corlew earned a trip to the World Championships by placing second with Hagler in the Marathon National Team Trials at the Lake Lanier Olympic Center, Gainesville, Georgia, May 18. Robert Clegg, Springs, Florida, and Barend Spies, Chattanooga, Tennessee, took first place with a time of 2 hours, 12 minutes, 6 seconds, and 63 one-hundredths beating Corlew and Hagler by 1 second and 17 one-hundredths. The top two teams at the event qualified for the World Championships.

Corlew also won the bronze medal in the one-man kayak marathon race. He finished in 2 hours, 23 minutes, 46 seconds, and 88 one-hundredths, just behind Clegg (2:22:50:63) and Spies (2:22:54:24). He was named alternate for the USA team in the marathon kayak one-man event.

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See "LOCAL PADDLER..."



Steve Corlew

Bobcats knock GHS out of play-offs




Photo by Caleb Casey

Grayling forward Jill Seager handles an airborne ball in last week's District soccer game against the Houghton Lake Bobcats at HL. The Bobcats won the match 9-0, ending Grayling's season. For more on the contest, see Page 5B.

VIKINGS FINISH REGULAR SEASON




(Left) Greg Morrill puts the ball in play for Grayling in the varsity baseball team's regular season finale against the Bobcats of Bay City John Glenn at GHS. (Right) Pitcher Chelsea Wolcott throws to first base after fielding a grounder in the GHS varsity softball squad's recent series vs. Bay City John Glenn. The doubleheader was the last one of the regular season for GHS. Bay City won both games of each doubleheader, baseball and softball. For more on the baseball team, see Page 14B. For more on the softball squad, see Page 3B.



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Black Bear Bicycle Tour 2002 (running start)

Black Bear Bicycle Tour set for July 27

► Bicyclists to chase canoes to Oscoda during canoe marathon

The Avita Water Black Bear Bicycle Tour, an annual event that takes off from Grayling at 8 a.m. on Sunday of the last full weekend in July, is scheduled for July 27 this year. The event is held during the AuSable River Canoe Marathon.

The Black Bear Bicycle Tour offers many route and class options with the most popular being the Century Ride, 100 miles from Grayling to Oscoda on Lake Huron.

"If you work hard and pedal fast you can beat out the canoes racing down the AuSable River. You would beat them without breaking a sweat except for their 11-hour head start," event organizers said. "When crossing the finish line, congratulate yourself. You just rode 100 miles in one stretch."

The race starts with a one block run to your bicycles in the spirit of the AuSable River Canoe Marathon. The route travels through some beautiful scenery.

The cost to participate is \$15 before July 1, \$20 with the one day U.S.C.F. license. For those riding fast there's \$1,000 in prize money.

All money raised from this



Black Bear Bicycle Tour 2002 (start)

event goes to the work of the Grayling Rotary Club. Every year the Rotary Club provides free helmets to hundreds of children participating in the Grayling Bicycle Rodeo. Locally, the club has also funded everything from scholarships to the construction of non-motorized trails. Internationally, Rotary is working on the eradication of Polio from the planet by 2005.

The Black Bear Bicycle Tour - A Truly Unique Experience

"Even if you don't aim to beat the canoes, this race still offers something. There's the LeMans start for one. Since the canoeists have to carry their craft four blocks through Grayling to the AuSable River, we ask the bicyclists to run a block to their bikes in the great spirit of the AuSable River Canoe Marathon. It's up to you to figure out how you do it with your biking shoes. You can leave them on the pedals and then strap your feet in once you make it to your bike. You can wear them through the streets and then snap them into the pedals. Or, you probably can come up with another unique way to match this unique start."

"Then there's the scenery. This route travels through some of the most beautiful scenery in the world. The State Forest in the Mio area has been identified by Bicycling Magazine as one of the '50 Best Areas on the Planet to Ride.' Forests of towering

pinetrees and the AuSable River cutting through the land make for breathtaking views," organizers said.

Rotary's event chairperson, Wayne Koppa said, "The AuSable valley has great recreation opportunities with over 1,500 campsites, world class canoeing and fishing, and a half dozen of the best scenic overlooks in the Lower Peninsula. The bicycles are a perfect fit."

Riders from last year's race described the scenery as "beautiful" and a "very pretty course." Scott Collins from Bay City, who rode the entire 100 miles with his dad, thought the best part of the race was "riding along the AuSable River."

"Ask anyone who rode the route last year about the Rayburn property and you'll probably hear grumbling if not outright cursing. For those that don't know the name, it was the first river crossing just outside of Grayling and the road was very rough. People had flats and lost water bottles. It just wasn't fun. Maureen McWilliams summed it up best when she said it 'was horrible' and that she 'wouldn't want to do (the Avita Water Black Bear Bicycle Tour) again' if she still had to ride that 'road.' Well, we heard you. The Rayburn property is gone! The route has been redone to stick to the main roads. All the riders

we've spoken to, have been very happy with this development. If you missed our first two years, you are a lucky bicyclist. This year the roads are very good with only a few areas requiring you to watch your wheels," organizers said.

Besides the 100 miles straight to Oscoda, several loops exist that take riders back to Grayling. These loops are 6, 28, and 75 miles long.

Two riders can also split the 100 miles by having one of them wait in McKinley to ride the last 44 miles.

The racing canoes average from eight to nine miles per hour while a fast cyclist can average speeds of twenty-five miles per hour. Spectators are welcome along the course. The fastest bicycle riders are estimated with arrival times for the following locations:


Depart Grayling:
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Arrive Mio:
9:48 a.m.
Arrive McKinley:
10:14 a.m.
Arrive Glennie:
10:50 a.m.
Arrive Oscoda:
12:00 p.m.

"Don't worry about finishing quickly. The finish stays open until 4 p.m. For those riding fast there's \$1,000 in prize money. For those enjoying the view there are many great raffle prizes. Baggage truck and support vehicles are provided. If you get tired, don't hurt yourself. Let us give you a ride. We even have flag men and women manning the route to direct you quickly and easily through each turn. There will be at least six food and water stations along the route. We'll even give you a lift back to Grayling for a small \$20 fee. This year we hope to have a trailer for the bikes so they don't bounce around in the bus with you."

For more information on the Avita Water Black Bear Bicycle Tour, e-mail jerrygosnell@hotmail.com, visit www.grayling-area.com/blackbear2003 (has entry form and course map), or call Wayne Koppa, Event Chair, at (989) 348-2933, or Edward Elsner, Director of Publicity, 989-348-9214.

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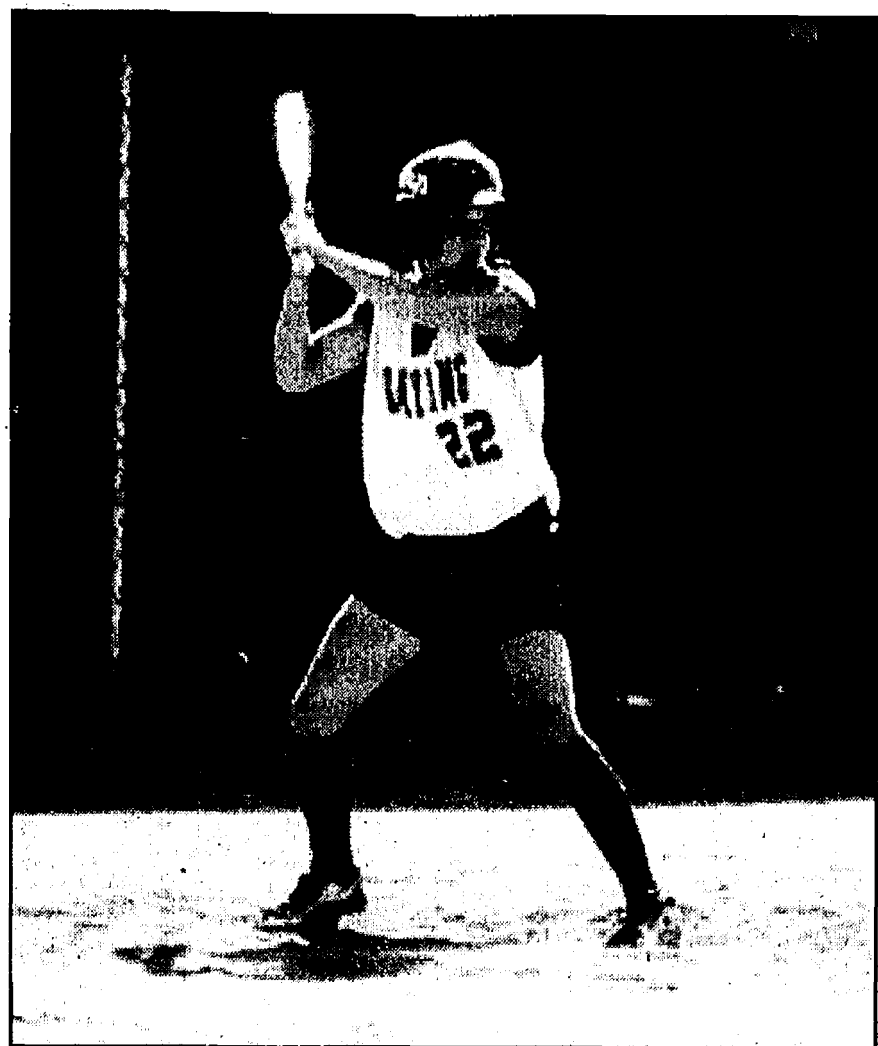
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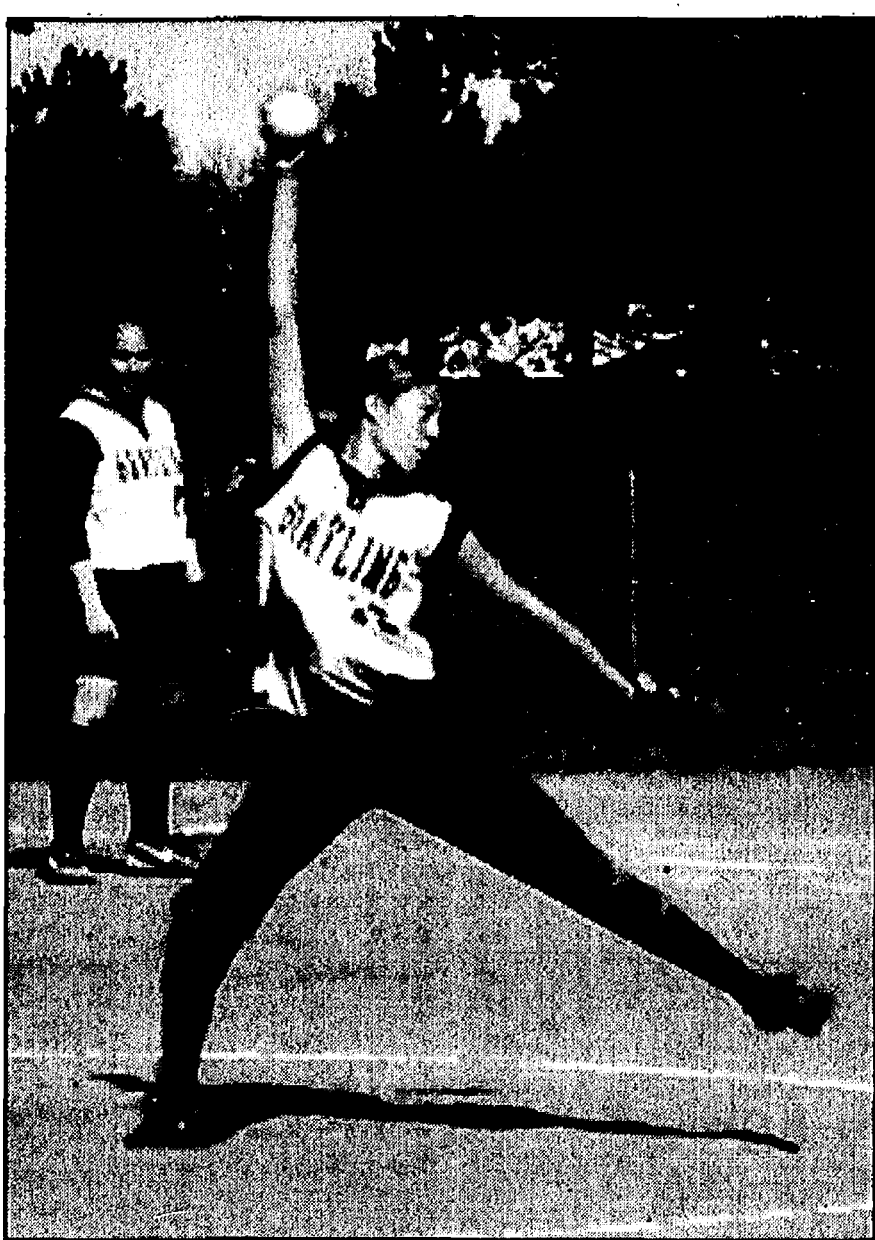
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Vikings finish regular season



Photos by Caleb Casey

Lexi Bondar bats for Grayling in the varsity softball team's regular season finale vs. Bay City John Glenn on May 22. John Glenn won both games of the doubleheader.



Chelsea Wolcott pitches for Grayling against Bay City John Glenn.



Shortstop Kelly Dunckley takes a defensive stance in game one of the Bay City doubleheader.



Skylynn Palmer squares to bunt in the series vs. Bay City John Glenn.

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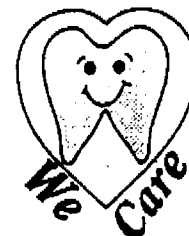
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Track team ends 2003 season

► Ryan Schmidt takes silver medal in 300-meter hurdles event

Grayling High School's boys track squad finished its 2003 season with several team members competing in Roscommon's Sunrise Meet of Champions on Tuesday, May 27.

The Vikings had one medalist: Ryan Schmidt placed 2nd overall in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles with a time of 43.96. "He ran a great race," Coach Darnell

Wilson said. "He really picked it up. He was toe to toe with the first place guy, neck and neck, real close."

Other top placements for Grayling included:

• Pawel Wojcik, 5th, 110-meter hurdles, 19.25. "Pawel took 5th out of 12, which I thought was excellent," Coach Wilson said.

• Tim Umlor, 6th, discus, 124'09". "Tim did a great job in discus. He's really stepped up his game. He's helped us score team points when we needed them this year," Coach Wilson said. "I can't wait to work with him next year."

• Tyler Cragg, 6th, 100-meter dash, 12.15, 4th, 400-meter dash, 55.03. "A strong finish," Coach Wilson said. "He raced against some really tough guys. Some of the guys that beat him are going to State."

Grayling's 3200-meter relay team placed 4th at Sunrise with a time of 9:07.80.

"Our goal was to get better, and we accomplished that goal. We're going to be ready for next year. We've got a lot of off-season work ahead of us," Coach Wilson said. "I'm excited about next year and the year after that and the year after that."

Golf team misses State Finals by one place

► Vikings place 4th at Regionals in Big Rapids, top three go to State

At Regionals, at Katke at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, the GHS girls golf team

placed 4th — one place short of qualifying for the State Golf Finals — on May 19.

"We were very happy to take 4th place, even though the top three teams go to State," Coach Tanya Wolcott said. "Our team is young, so we have time to improve."

For Grayling, Kim Mitchell

led the way with a 104. Mallory Olson shot a 109, June Clark finished with a 118, Jessie Morley had 125, and Nicole Reyes ended the day with a 132.

William Dean for School Board



Providing quality education in a safe encouraging environment is my goal as a school board member. My wife Cory and I have both been raised in Grayling and have graduated from G.H.S. We currently have four children attending school in our district. I will always work for the best interests of our community's children.

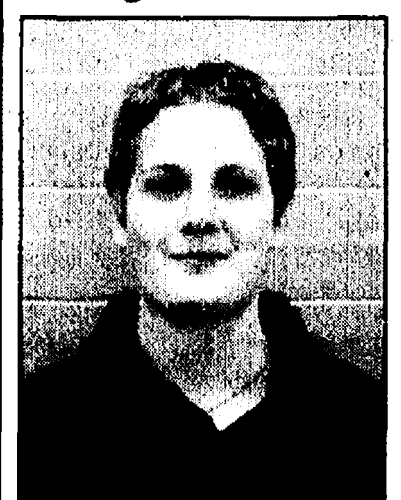
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Thank you,
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Viking of the Week



Girls Golf
Coach: Tanya Wolcott
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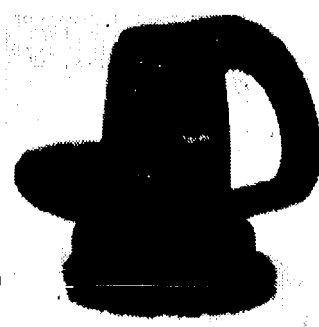
June puts forth 110% at all times. She has golfed in the top six all season and lowered her scores from last year. "I look forward to having her back next year," her coach said.

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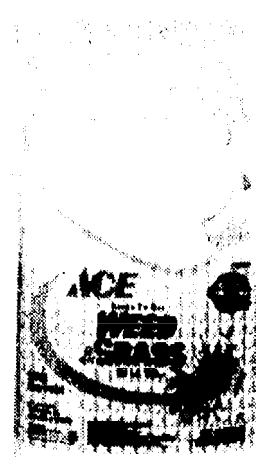
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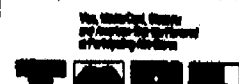
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Local paddler earns trip to world kayak championships

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During June 26-29, he will compete for the US world sprint team in Lake Placid, New York.

Corlew, who attends Western Michigan University and is earning a degree in education, is the son of Jim and Dalene Corlew of Grayling.

"His teammates are just amazed at how fast he keeps improving," said Dalene. "He's only been racing kayaks for a little more than a year now. He just has that drive in him and that's what it's all about."

During spring break of 2002, when many college students were thinking of beaches, beer, and rest, Corlew took a chance and headed to the Gainesville Olympic Training Center. He had been paddling and racing canoes since he was 13 but he had never raced in a kayak.

"At first I was training with the girls and the younger kids. I was really tippy in a kayak and using a slower boat from the 1970s. The coach said he could tell I had paddled a lot but I had no balance in a kayak and my stroke was more for a canoe. He videotaped me and gave me a tape of somebody good. They taught me a lot," said Corlew.

He went back to the Olympic Training Center for the summer. His first race in a kayak came immediately upon his arrival and only three days after he had finished a grueling eight-hour canoe race in New York.

"I was shot from the canoe race," he said. "I still had blisters all over. In my first kayak race I



Photo courtesy of Lake Lanier Canoe and Kayak Club

Steve Corlew of Grayling and Ty Hagler battle Robert Cleeg and Barend Spies in the 2003 USA Canoe Kayak Marathon National Team Trials.

just got killed, smoked. It was a three and half minute race and I was 50 seconds behind the winner."

He learned and steadily improved. By the end of the summer at the U.S. National Kayak Championships, Corlew took first in three races: the 500 and 1000-meter two-man events and the four-man 4000-meter competition.

"The highlight of the year was winning the K-4 race. We

worked together well and beat a team with four members of the national team."

In addition to his kayak achievements, Corlew is the current United States Canoe Association champion with Jacob Dubois in two-man canoe racing.

He has also raced the AuSable River Canoe Marathon twice, finishing 25th in his first one with his father Jim in 2000 and taking 7th place with Tim Valko

in 2001.

To help sponsor his trip to the World Championships in Spain, local supporters are accepting donations. Contact Tom Trudgeon, 800 Spruce St., Grayling, MI 49738, (989) 348-4508, for more information. All donations should be made payable to Steve Corlew.

For further questions you may contact the assistant coach, Lynn Dage at Lake Lanier Canoe and Kayak Club, (781) 710-7906.

GRAYLING COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

Submitted by Donna Thomson
Wednesday Ladies League

Wow, the Wednesday Ladies League had another beautiful day for golf on May 28, but this week it warmed up to temperatures we all know and love. It made for a great day on the links as this was our first day of actual "league" play.

In Flight A, there was a two-way tie between Sally McNamara and Donna Thomson with a low net of 31, while Treva McClanahan had low putts of 13.

In Flight B, Mary Hamblin had a low net of 34 and Bev

McNamara had low putts of 13.

In Flight C, Bev Ludeman had a low net of 34, and Rhea Gierke and Nancy Hoffman tied for low putts of 17.

We had two birdies today, one by Katy McNamara on #9 and one by Sally McNamara on #7. Also, there were two chip-ins today, one by Sharon France on #5 and one by Treva McClanahan on #4.

Obviously, the sun was making everyone shine all around the course.

We then enjoyed a nice lunch of a fruit plate or BBQ pot sandwich with apple pie for dessert.

Shirley Bendig gave us an update of our upcoming "Rally for a Cure" Day to be held on June 11, and most all plans are in place for a great day.

Well, not one to waste a beautiful day, quite a few of us went out for another round.

My poor plants may never get out of the box at this rate. That's all "fore" now.

KIRTLAND GOLF

THOMPSONVILLE - tie for 23rd overall to help keep Kirtland's Pat Jessie fired a three-round total of 238, finishing in a the rebuilding Firebirds out of the cellar in the Michigan

Community College Athletic Association state golf tournament.

Jessie fired rounds of 78-81-79 at the Crystal Mountain Golf Club early this month. Teammate Nick Sumara shot 82-90-86-258 to tie for 56th. Kyle Roman shot 90-100-85-275 and Jonah Schutte shot 89-93-105-287 for a team total of 1,058, five strokes better than Wayne County Community College.

Mott won the 14-team tournament with a stroke total of 920, followed by Schoolcraft at 925 and Grand Rapids Community College and Lansing at 928.

Justin Goyt of Oakland Community College was the individual medalist with rounds of 78-71-72-221. Nick Fuller of Grand Rapids was second at 72-77-76-225 and Nikos Markellos, of Schoolcraft, 77-72-77-226 and Chad Horner, of Lansing, 79-74-73-226.

All things considered, this was a decent year for his young team, Kirtland coach Mike Glover said. But it was hard to take after his squad finished much stronger a year ago when the Firebirds had two golfers in the top seven in the state.

Justin Zarzyski finished second and Mike Mieske finished tied for seventh. But Mieske tied for third in the regionals to qualify for the national tourney. Glover expects both Zarzyski and Mieske to return next season.

None of Kirtland's golfers qualified for this year's regional tournament.

4th Annual Muscular Dystrophy Association Charity Golf

Friday, June 27, 2003 Grayling Country Club

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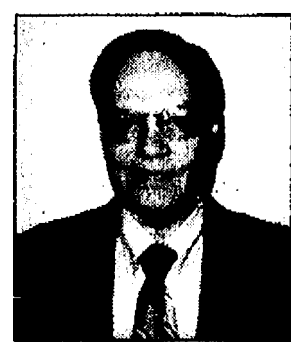
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Election Day is Monday, June 9. I would appreciate your vote. Thank You for your consideration.



Paid for by the candidate. 4877 Warner Dr. Grayling, MI 49738

Bobcats knock GHS out of play-offs



Photos by Caleb Casey

Grayling goalkeeper Ashley Bancroft handles a corner kick in last Thursday's District soccer game against the Houghton Lake Bobcats at HL. The Bobcats won the contest 9-0.



Michele Belcher (left) races a Houghton Lake player to the ball in last week's District soccer match.



Emily Dunckley controls the ball for Grayling.



Jessica Pfaff fights to clear a ball from Grayling's defensive area.



Casey Mahaffy handles an airborne ball for Grayling.



Jill Seager fights for a ball against HL.

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For more information, contact Linda Rea at 941.5675 or Lrea@nmc.edu or visit the Midwest website:

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Notice of a Public Hearing on Proposed 2003-2004 Budget

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Thursday, June 12, 2003 at 6:45 o'clock p.m. at the President's Board Room, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, Michigan, the Board of Trustees of Kirtland Community College will hold a public hearing to consider the district's proposed 2003-2004 budget.

The board may not adopt its proposed 2003-2004 budget until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2003-2004 budget including the proposed property tax millage rate is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the business office, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Trustees.

Sally Galer, Secretary/Treasurer

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Comments regarding this request may be made in person at the public hearing. Signed and dated correspondence may be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Telephone (989) 348-4361. No unsigned letters or telephone messages will be considered.

Terry R. Wright
Zoning Administrator

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TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please take notice that the regular election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 9, 2003.

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At the regular school election there will be elected two (2) members to the board of education of the district for full terms of four (4) years ending in 2007.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES:

William Dean
Lewis Madill
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Write-in candidates must file a Declaration of Intent on or before 4 p.m. Friday, June 6, 2003.

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PRECINCT NO. 1

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PRECINCT NO. 2

Voting Place: The Frederic Elementary School. The second precinct consists of the territory of Frederic Township, Maple Forest Township, and a portion of Otsego Lake Township (Otsego County).

PRECINCT NO. 3

Voting Place: The Lovells Township Hall. The third precinct consists of the territory of Lovells Township.

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

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Secretary, Board of Education

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Foreclosure Notice

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William Niederman, A Single Man to North American Mortgage Company, a Delaware Corporation Mortgagee, dated November 20, 2001 and recorded November 27, 2001 in Liber 0561 Page 180 Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned assignment to: U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee for CSFB Mortgage Pass Through Certificates Series 2002-HE4, by assignment dated November 29, 2001 and received and recorded on May 30, 2003, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars and Seven Cents (\$160,562.07) including interest 10.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in

said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00AM. on Wednesday, July 9, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

A parcel of land in the North 1/2 of Northeast 1/4 of Section 19, Town 28 North, Range 1 West, described as: Beginning at a point known as the Section corner between Sections 17, 18, 19 and 20 and designated by an iron stake; thence South 1 degree 22 minutes East along the Section line between Sections 19 and 20, 583.35 feet, to the next iron stake which is known as the point of beginning for this description; thence continuing on a line of the bearing of North 83 degrees 40 minutes West, 208.7 feet, to an iron stake; thence South 1 degree 22 minutes East, 208.7 feet, to an iron stake; thence South 83 degrees 40 minutes East, 208.7 feet, to an iron stake; thence North 1 degree 22 minutes West, 208.7 feet, to an iron stake which is the point of beginning. Together with an easement over and across the Northerly 5 feet of subject property described in Grant of Easement recorded in Liber 427, Page 199, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 30, 2003 U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee for CSFB Mortgage Pass Through Certificates Series 2002-HE4,

Assignee of Mortgagee
Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
36150 Dequindre Rd. Ste 810
Sterling Heights, MI 48310
(586) 795-4400 Ext 111
Our File No: 03-13792

-5-12-19-26-3

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Leesa K. Patterson, a single woman, (original mortgagee) to Homestead USA, Inc., Mortgagee, dated May 7, 1999, and recorded on May 17, 1999 in Liber 481 on Page 484 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by assignment dated May 17, 1999, which was recorded on July 23, 1999, in Liber 486 on Page 459 Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Three Thousand Fifty-Six and 98/100 dollars (\$33,056.98), including interest at 7.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue,

at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on June 25, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:

Lot 5, Block 24, Roffee's Addition to the Village (Now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 22, 2003

For information, please call:
Team S (248) 593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File #200319205
Team S

-22-29-05-12

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James Arthur Hurst and Madeline Marie Chase, as joint tenants (original mortgagees) to Centex Home Equity Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 2, 2001, and recorded on February 12, 2001 in Liber 528 on Page 484 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fourteen Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Four and 84/100 dollars (\$14,954.84), including interest at 14.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on June 18, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:

Parcel: A parcel of Land located in the West ten acres of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 33, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, being further described as follows: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 33, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, thence North 89 degrees 37 minutes 04 seconds West along the North line of said Section 1155.66 feet for a point of beginning; Thence continuing North 89 degrees 37 minutes 04 seconds West 163.63 feet; thence South 00 degrees 08 minutes 33 seconds East along the West 1/8 line 443.62 feet; thence South 89 degrees 35 minutes 17 seconds East 163.63 feet; thence North 00 degrees 08 minutes 33 seconds West 443.70 feet to the point of beginning. All the same more or less, but subject to all legal highways.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale,

unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 15, 2003

For information, please call:
Team F (248) 593-1313
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File #200226648
Team F

-15-22-29-5

STATE OF MICHIGAN 46TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CRAWFORD COUNTY NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

46th Circuit Court, Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738

Case No. 03-6023-CH(M)

Mary Jane Bailey
204 Shirley Lane
Roscommon, MI 48653

Karen L. Brausa
1060 French Trail
Roscommon, Michigan 48653

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

1. On 05/08/2003 the 46th Circuit Court of Crawford County Michigan judges in favor of the plaintiff(s), Mary Jane Bailey and against the defendant(s), Karen L. Brausa.

2. On 07/31/2003 10:00 am at public auction to be held at Crawford County Building, 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738 in this county, I shall offer for sale to the highest bidder all of the right, title and interest of defendant(s) in and to the following property:

South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan

THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCEL 12:

Beginning at the West 1/4 corner of Section 20, Town 25 North, Range 2 West; thence North 0°15'03" East along Section line 662.45 feet, thence South 89°15'17" East 659.00 feet; thence South 0°15'03" West 661.3 feet; thence North 89°21'15" West along the 1/4 line 658.99 feet to the Point of Beginning. Being a part of the South 1/2 of the North West 1/4 of Section 20, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

Dated: May 23, 2003

Plaintiff Attorney
Gerard F. Brabant P31123
BRABANT & MANNIKKO, PLLC
P.O. Box 55, Roscommon, MI 48653
(989) 275-4365

Dana M. Anderson, Deputy County Clerk

-5-12-19-26-3-10-17

NOTICE BY PERSONS CLAIMING TITLE UNDER TAX DEED:

To the Owner or Owners of any and all interests in, or Liens upon, the Lands herein described, and to Thelma S. Cochran and to her unknown Husband, owners of last recorded title according to the Crawford County records, and to William D. Perry, Karen E. Perry, Marry Perry and their Unknown Spouses claiming ownership interest according to Crawford County records, and to their unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, and assigns, including those who are legally incompetent to act in their own behalf.

TAX NOTICE: Sale was lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes on that land, and that the undersigned has title to the land under tax deed issued for the land. You are entitled to a reconveyance of this land within 6 months after return of service of this notice, upon payment to the treasurer of the county in which the land is situated, of all sums paid for the tax sale purchase, together with 50 percent in addition, and the fees of the sheriff for the service or cost of publication of this notice. The service or publication costs shall be the same as if for personal service of a summons upon commencement of an Action, without other additional cost of charge. If payment as described in this notice is not made, the undersigned will institute Proceedings for possession of the land.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
State of Michigan, County of Crawford, Township of Maple Forest, Town 28 North Range 3 West, Section 16, Parcel C: Comm at N 1/4 cor of Sec 16, th N 89deg 38min W 814.46 ft. to POB, the S 0deg 18min E 671 ft, th N 89deg 38min W 165 ft, the N 0deg 19min west 671 ft, th S 89deg 38min East 165 ft to POB. 2.54 acres 100% Parcel Number: 20-020-016-005-070-00 100%
DEED NUMBER: 516
TAX FOR YEAR: 1996
AMOUNT PAID: \$136.47
AMOUNT NECESSARY TO REDEEM: \$204.71 (plus sheriff fees)
(signed) Farm and Forest Enterprises DBA of Collin K Burnett, P.O. Box 784, Saline, MI 48176

-15-22-29-5

FREDERIC TOWNSHIP NOTICE BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

The Frederic Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 2003-2004 at the Frederic Township Hall, County Rd. 612 on Tuesday, June 10, 2003. The budget public hearing will be held in conjunction with the regularly scheduled board meeting beginning at 7:00 pm. A copy of the budget is available for inspection at the township hall.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

Ronald D. Lewis
Township Supervisor

KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Kirtland Community College is accepting proposals for rubbish collection and removal services for truck-lift containers for the annual period beginning July 1, 2003 and extending through June 30, 2004 for the M-TEC facility located at 60 Livingston Blvd. in Gaylord, Michigan.

Proposals will be received until Thursday, June 19, 2003 at 3:30 p.m. in Kirtland Community College's physical plant office at which time they will be open and publicly read. All proposals must be submitted on the official bid sheet. Bid documents may be obtained in the physical plant office in the Art/Maintenance Building or by calling 989-275-500, Ext. 263 during regular business hours. The college reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and/or re-bid the project. Proposals must remain firm for a period of thirty days after the official bid opening.

Any questions regarding this project should be directed to JoAnn Comerford, Director of Physical Plant at 989-275-5000, Ext. 249.

**NEED
RUBBER
STAMPS?**
Come see us at
**The Crawford
County Avalanche**
102 Mich. Ave. • Grayling
(989) 348-6811

LEGAL ACTION

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Bruce Armstrong and Marvel Armstrong, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Commonpoint Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated April 16, 1998, and recorded on May 4, 1998 in Liber 452 on Page 455 through 461 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Franklin Credit Management Corporation, as assignee by an assignment dated December 10, 1999, which was recorded on May 31, 2000, in Liber 508 on Page 630 and 631 Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of seventy-three thousand five hundred ninety and 61/100 dollars (\$73,590.61), including interest at 14.770% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on July 9, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel 1: Part of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 19, Town 28 North, Range 1 West, and part of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 24, Town 28 North, Range 2 West, Lovells

Township, Crawford County, Michigan, Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 19, thence North 1 degrees 37 minutes 11 seconds West (along the section line), 1496.55 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 60 degrees 35 minutes West, 150 feet, thence North 18 degrees 53 minutes West, 256.97 feet, thence North 53 degrees 16 minutes 19 seconds East, 255.42 feet to the Section line between Section 19 and 24, thence South 1 degrees 37 minutes 11 seconds East (along said Section line), 37.16 feet, thence North 52 degrees 59 minutes 49 seconds East, 134.1 feet, thence South 26 degrees 13 minutes East, 285.40 feet (along the centerline of Twin Bridge Road), thence South 64 degrees 03 minutes West, 250.55 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Parcel 2: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 19, Town 28 North, Range 1 West; Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 19, thence 1 degrees 37 minutes 11 seconds West (along the West line of said Section 19), 1496.55 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 64 degrees 03 minutes East 250.55 feet to the Centerline of Twin Bridge Road, thence South 26 degrees 07 minutes East (along the centerline of Twin Bridge Road), 300 feet to the centerline of County Road 612, thence South 50 degrees 58 minutes West (along the centerline of County Road 612), 100 feet; thence South 53 degrees 53 minutes West (along the centerline of County Road 612), 100 feet; thence South 57 degrees 01 minutes West (along centerline of County Road 612), 100 feet; thence North 18 degrees 53 minutes West, 355.20 feet to the Point of Beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 month(s) from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 5, 2003
For information, please call:
Team D (248) 593-1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File #200317362

Mortgage Sale

As a debt collector, we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Notify us at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Dennis M. Bausman and Vicki L. Bausman, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to Commonpoint Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated the 16th day of September, 1997 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 26th day of September, 1997 in Liber 438 of Crawford County Records, page 553, said Mortgage having been assigned to The Bank of New York, as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of November 30, 1997, Series 1997-D on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Eighty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Sixty One and 91/100 (\$89,561.91), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 11th day of June, 2003 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 11.2500% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All

that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Situated in the State of Michigan, County of Crawford and in the Township of South Branch.

Being Lot 69, and part of Lots 60, 61 and 62 of the recorded plat of River Forest, being part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, of Section 21, part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 28, and part of the North 1/2 of section 29, all in T25N, R2W, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as commencing at the Southwest corner of lot 69 for a point of beginning; Thence North 33 degrees 46' West, 167.00 feet; Thence North 24, degrees 09' West 82.2 feet; Thence North 50 degrees 18' East 200.00 feet; Thence North 60 degrees 11' East 100.00 feet; Thence South 17 degrees 15' East 37.6 feet; Thence South 32 degrees 40' East 204.74 feet; Thence South 43 degrees 28' West 60.2 feet; Thence 190.5 feet along the Arc of a 9 degree 28' 30" curve to the right, the long chord of which bears South 52 degrees 29' 30" West 189.71 feet; Thence South 61 degrees 31' West 50.0 feet to the point of beginning.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: May 8, 2003
Fabrizio & Brook, P.C.
Jonathan L. Engman (P56364)
Attorney for the Bank of New York
888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 1470
Troy, MI 48064
248-362-2600
The Bank of New York, Mortgagee
08-15-22-29-05

TO THE OWNER OR OWNERS OF ANY AND ALL INTERESTS IN, OR LIENS UPON THE LANDS HEREIN DESCRIBED: Take notice, sale was lawfully made of the following

described land for unpaid taxes on that land, and that the undersigned has title to the land under tax deed or deeds issued for the land. You are entitled to reconveyance of this land within 6 months after return of service of this notice, upon payment to the treasurer of the county in which the land is situated, of all sums paid for the tax sale purchase, together with 50% in addition, and the fees of the Sheriff for the service and cost of publication of this notice. The service and publication costs shall be the same as if for personal service of a summons upon commencement of an action. If payment as described in this notice is not made, the

undersigned will institute proceedings for possession of the land.

DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND:
State of Michigan, County of Crawford, Parcel 1 Part of the S 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Sec 28 T25N R2W South Branch Twp, Comm at the E 1/4 cor of said Sec 28 th N 89d 18m W along the E & W 1/4 line 1646 ft to the pob th cont N 89d 18m W 329.20 ft th N 0d 04m 07s E 1329.24 ft to the N 1/8 line th S 89d 21m 20s E along the N 1/8 line 328.92 ft th S 0d 03m 26s W 1329.56 ft to the pob containing 10.04 ac. Also subject to & use of 66 ft rd & utility easement as recorded in L170 P120 & 121. Amount paid: 1995 taxes \$234.15, 1996 taxes \$242.33.

Amount necessary to redeem \$714.72 plus the fee of the sheriff, and the cost of legal publication.

Ronald and Joann McClain, 39463 Edgevale, Sterling Heights, MI 48313.

To: Lewis Sykes, last know address 16159 Sorrento, Detroit, MI 48235, last grantee in the regular chain of title of such land or of any interest therein as appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County, and to their heirs and assigns.

-15-22-29-5

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 03-6592DE
Estate of Clarence Joseph Sampier, Deceased, Date of birth: 04/28/18
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Clarence Joseph Sampier, who lived at 310 Golfview Drive, Grayling, Michigan, 49738 died January 25, 2003.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Barbara Swope, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Kyle T. Legel P59523
2373 S. I-75 Business Loop
P.O. Box 665
Grayling, MI 49738
(989)348-5232
Barbara Swope
14950 Wamples Lake Road
Brooklyn, MI 49230
(517)592-5321

-22-29-5

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2003-2004 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 11, 2003 at 6:00 P.M. in Roscommon, Michigan the Board of Education of the C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District will hold a public hearing to consider the district's 2003-04 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2003-2004 budget until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2003-2004 budget, including the proposed tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at 11051 North Cut Road, Roscommon, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Bernadine A. Dosch, Secretary

MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Maple Forest Township will hold a Budget Hearing on Tuesday, June 10, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. at the township hall on Sherman Road. At such time, in addition to regular township business, budgets covering estimated revenues and proposed expenditures of the General Fund and EMS Fund for Fiscal Year 2003-2004 shall be submitted for consideration. ***The property tax millage rate proposed to be leveled to support the budget will be subject to this hearing.** A copy of the proposed budgets will be available for public inspection at the township office during regular business hours.

Susan M. Keenes
Township Clerk

NOTICE BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

Clean up for disposal of used household appliances and furniture.

Saturday, June 7, 2003
Merrio Road Transfer Site
7:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M.

No Building Materials
No Car Parts
No Appliances With Freon
No Yard Waste

You must present a current dump sticker (teal/silver in color) or you will not be allowed to dispose of refuse.

Grayling Township Fire Charges Ordinance 2003-01

Adopted by the Grayling Township Board of Trustees on May 14, 2003, to go into effect July 1, 2003

An ordinance to establish charges for fire department services under Michigan Public Act 33 of 1951, as amended (compiled Law 41.08, etc.) and to provide methods for the collection of such charges and exemptions therefrom.

The Township of Grayling, Crawford County Michigan, ordains:

Section 1: Purpose

The within ordinance is adopted for the purpose of providing financial assistance to the township in the operation of a fire department from those receiving direct benefits from the fire protection service. It is the further purpose of the within ordinance to provide for full funding of the fire department operation which remains, in part, an at-large governmental expense based upon the general benefits derived by all property owners within the township from the existence of a township fire department and its availability to extinguish fires within the township and perform other emergency services.

Section 2: Charges

The following charges shall hereafter be due and payable to the township from a recipient of any of the following enumerated services from the township fire department:

All emergency (the immediate threat to life or property) fire and rescue services within Grayling Township.....\$500 per instance.

Section 3: Terms of payment

All charges shall be due and payable within 30 days from the date the service is rendered and default of payment shall be collectible through proceedings in the district court or in any other court of competent jurisdiction as a matured debt.

Section 4: Exemptions

- False alarms
- Fires involving township buildings, grounds, and/or property.
- Fire service performed outside the jurisdiction of the township under a mutual aid contract with an adjoining municipality or government agency.
- Fires involving State of Michigan property on which the state already pays the township for fire protection on an annual basis.
- Fires within Grayling Township, but which the Grayling City/Township Fire Department is the assisting department due to limitations of manpower or equipment.

Section 5: Collection of Charges

Grayling Township may proceed in district court by suit to collect any monies remaining unpaid and shall have any and all other remedies provided by law for the collection of said charges.

Section 6: Non-Exclusive Charges

The foregoing charge shall not be exclusive of the charges that may be made by the township for the costs and expenses of maintaining a fire department, but shall only be supplemental thereto. Charges may additionally be collected by the township through general taxation after a vote of the electorate approving the same or by a special assessment established under the Michigan statutes pertinent thereto. General fund appropriations may also be made to cover such additional costs and expenses.

Section 7: Multiple Property Protection

When a particular service rendered by the township fire department directly benefits more than one person or property, the owner of each property so benefited and each person so benefited where property protection is not involved shall be liable for the payment of the full charge for such service previously outlined. The interpretation and application of the within section is hereby delegated to the township fire chief subject only to appeal, within the time limits for payment, to the township board and shall be administered so that charges shall only be collected from the recipients of service.

Section 8: Severability

Should any provision or part of the within ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the same shall not effect the validity or enforceability of the balance of this ordinance which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 9: Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect on July 1, 2003. All other or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

STATE OF MICHIGAN DISTRICT COURT CRAWFORD COUNTY FAILURE TO APPEAR

200 WEST MICHIGAN AVENUE
GRAYLING, MICHIGAN 49738

Case No. 03-1619-SC-1

Value Corral-Plaintiff

2370 S. Otsego Ave

Grayling, MI 49735

989-732-3498

vs

Kimberley Ann Sitarski-Defendant

You are being sued.

Appearance date: 6-9-03

Appearance time: 8:30 am

Place: District Courtroom

200 W. Michigan Ave

Grayling, MI 49738

989-344-3800

Failure to appear by defendant in the civil case may result in a default judgement being entered.

If you intend to employ a lawyer s/he should be notified of the date at once.

-22-29-5

STATE OF MICHIGAN 46TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT KALKASKA COUNTY PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF FRIEND OF THE COURT ANNUAL STATUTORY REVIEW PUBLIC NOTICE

Annual Review of Performance Record of the Friend of the Court
Under Michigan law the chief circuit judge annually reviews the performance record of the Friend of the Court. The review will be conducted on or about July 1, 2003. This review is limited by law to the following criteria: whether the Friend of the Court is guilty of misconduct, neglect of statutory duty, or failure to carry out the written orders of the court relative to a statutory duty; whether the purposes of the Friend of the Court Act are being met; and whether the duties of the Friend of the Court are being carried out in a manner that reflects the needs of the community. Members of the public may submit written comments to the chief judge relating to these criteria. Send your written comments, with your name and address, to:

Honorable Alton T. Davis
Chief Judge
200 Michigan Avenue
Grayling, MI 49738

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 03-6640-DE
Estate of Craig Scott Perry, Deceased, Date of birth: 07/05/47
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Craig S. Perry, who lived at 4908 Riverwood Dr., Grayling, Michigan, 49738 died May 28, 2003.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Donna Perry, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Avenue Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: May 30, 2003
Donna Perry
2918 Alsand Circle
Lansing, MI 48906
517-321-0760

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SYNOPSIS BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD Regular Meeting May 12, 2003

The regular meeting of the Township Board was called to order at 7:00PM. Board members present: Balmes, Riley, Mobarak, Little and Hartman. There were 8 guests present.

Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Seconded and carried.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Seconded and carried.

Reports given by Supervisor, and the Firechief regarding the Fire Department & Township Planning, and H.L.A.C. Report.

There were 8 pieces of correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Balmes to pay \$20 for the Supervisor to join the Michigan Assoc. of Supervisors. Seconded and carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Annual meeting June 25, 2003 at 7:00PM

2. Salary Resolutions

3. Budget Hearing June 9, 2003 at 7:30 during regular meeting.

4. Motion by Little to sponsor a child for the summer program for AuSable Valley Youth Service Bureau. Seconded and carried.

5. Motion by Balmes to have a backup system installed. Seconded and carried.

6. Motion to pay AP bills, seconded and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Sharon K. Hartman

Clerk

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FACTS AND FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

**23 Years Ago
June 5, 1980**

The 1980 Grayling High School Valedictorian is Mark Whaley. Jeffrey Schrader is the Salutatorian for the class.

The tourist attraction at Hanson Hills known as Little Smokey chugged out of its home on Memorial Day weekend. The attraction was sold to the Monroe County Fair, where it will resume operations.

The Grayling Boosters Club awarded seven scholarships to senior students. Those receiving the award were Todd Dunkley, Lisa Weiss, Stephanie Fick, Toni Trudgeon, Scott Reynolds, Mark Whaley and Carol Farren.

Voters will go to the polls next Monday to consider a school millage proposal calling for renewal of 17.90 mills for operation of Crawford-AuSable schools for the 1980-81 fiscal year.

Arthur Thayer, retiring middle school teacher and former elementary teacher and principal, was honored with a retirement dinner on May 21.

Distance runner Beth Jones brought home two third place finishes last Saturday in state girl's track finals.

The Grayling Women's Softball League opened its 1980 season on May 27.

Sixteen students from Grayling High School's Spanish Department will be flying to Mexico for a week's visit.

Elections were held to elect

class officers and student council officials at the Grayling High School for next year. The new class officers are Shawna Watters, Student Council Vice-President; George Morse, Sophomore Class President; Shirley Gravelyn, Student Council Secretary and Junior Class Representative; Scott Dunkley, Student Council President; Holly Nunn, Senior Class President; Mika Fijolek, Junior Class President; Doug Mansfield, Student Council Treasurer, and Monique Petrosky, Middle School eighth grader who will serve as Freshman class president for next year.

Michigan State Police Sergeants James Berglund and Michael Nowak, along with Grayling City Patrolman Karl Schreiner, received special live-saving awards last week from Dr. James Robert Howenstine.

The amazing Grayling Middle School Girl's Track Team traveled to Petoskey and claimed the second invitational Championship trophy within a weeks time, by finishing on top of the Petoskey Middle School Invitational Track Meet.

The Grayling Leader Dog Club began February 3, under the direction of leader Nancy Hatfield who has already had two successful leader dogs. She is raising another dog with the help of her 4-H group.

The City of Grayling has had a profusion of lilacs, spiraea and

other flowering shrubs this spring. They seem to be very abundant this year.

**46 Years Ago
June 6, 1957**

Richard Moore and Donald Roberts are the two juniors at Grayling High School who have been chosen to attend the 20th Wolverine Boys' State, held at the Michigan State University.

The Alumni banquet held Saturday at the Grayling High School gymnasium seated one hundred thirty five. Each alumni was introduced over the public address system by Robert LaMotte, of the class of 1933.

Both Frederic and Grayling Boy Scout Troops have accomplished a "good turn" for the tourists coming to Crawford County. Both troops have marked a scenic "off the regular route" trail. The Frederic Scouts have marked a trail from Frederic to Deward and return. The trip takes the tourists to the site of the famous lumber mill town.

Play will get under way next Monday evening at the Grayling Memorial Recreation Area in a 56 game schedule of the Crawford County Softball League.

Tommy Dutton of Grayling was thrilled with a brand new, free bicycle. He was one of the lucky winners in a contest offered at the B. and C. Supermarket.

**69 Years Ago
June 7, 1934**

Frederic High School is holding its annual commencement exercises this week, when eight young men and women are to receive their diplomas, as follows: June Horner, who is presi-

dent of her class together with Ilmae Welch, are the valedictorians, and Erma Barber, secretary, is salutatorian. The other members are Liland Charron, treasurer; Vance Horner, vice president; Helma Corsaut, Martha Vollmer, and John Feldhauser.

You will remember last Friday, when the mercury registered 103 in the shade, well that's the day that the Seniors chose for their annual "skip" day. They will remember the day's memories despite the heat.

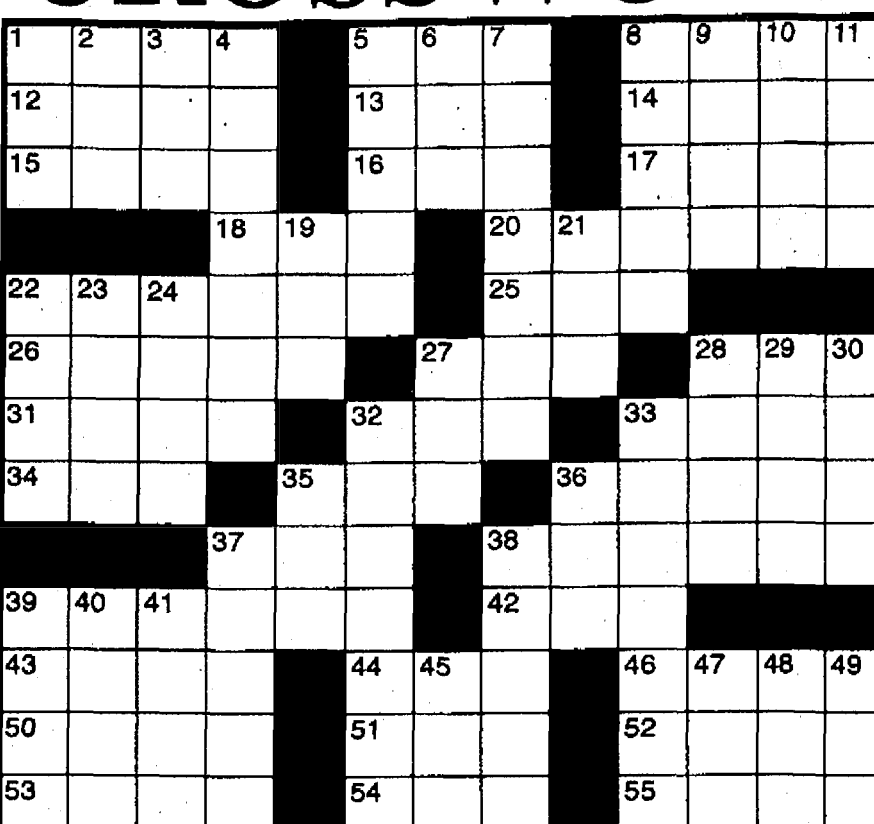
Fifty pigeons were liberated by E.N. Darveau, express agent, Sunday in the race put on by the North Road Open Homing Club of Detroit. Some time ago Grayling was designated as one of the race stations to fly the pigeons from. The pigeons were shipped to Grayling from Detroit in a crate, arriving on the morning train and were then liberated. Mr. Darveau said they circled around a few times and then headed south for Detroit.

**92 Years Ago
June 6, 1911**

R. Hanson and Sons are building a fine new planing mill at "T" Town. The foundations are of solid concrete. The frame is up now and the building will be enclosed in another week. They expect to have the mill running full blast not later than August.

The Loyal Americans, Bay City's fast amateur ball team crossed bats with our local club last weekend. Saturday's game saw a 4 to 3 win for Grayling, but Sunday's game was called off in the 11th inning due to rain. The score still standing was 4 to 4.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Pointed remark
5. Chant at certain Olympic performances
8. Courtroom panel
12. Oxford, for one
13. _____ sequitur
14. Sheriff Taylor's boy
15. The biggest continent
16. Tax figurer: abbr.
17. Minute amount
18. _____ Rio, Texas
20. Sixpenny piece
22. Abuse verbally
25. Approves
26. Microwaves
27. I _____ Camera (2 wds.)
28. Common street name
31. Was in glee club
32. "Unsafe at _____ speed" (Nader)
33. Photo flaw
34. Forster's Howard's _____
35. Wacky fellow
36. Story with a moral
37. Songwriter Farrell
38. Miami daily
39. Watchtower
42. New England cape
43. Understanding phrase (2 wds.)
44. Pitcher Guldry
46. Biblical sellout
50. Legal holding
51. Type _____
52. Talks nonsense
53. Responds to a "Jeopardy" clue
54. Public notices
55. Cries noisily

DOWN

1. Youth group: abbr.
2. Sounds of appreciation
3. Hugh Capet, e.g.
4. Forming droplets
5. Towel-tossing word
6. Bribe
7. Sculptor's course
8. Connects
9. Thereon
10. Formal service
11. One-fifth of a lustrum
19. Loop trains
21. Police blotter initials.
22. "_____ of Washington Square"
23. Actor Adams of Smoke Signals
24. Peddle
27. Tiny toiler
28. Island off Corsica
29. Break in the action
30. Wilbur Post's talking horse (2 wds.)
32. Setting for The Sound Of Music
33. Google and Rubble
35. Elizabeth Dole, _____ Hanford
36. Boggy area
37. Small songbirds
38. Winner of back-to-back acting Oscars
39. "Monster" of Mexico
40. Thrift shop tag (2 wds.)
41. Stink
45. Ancient _____
47. _____ Tomé
48. Police dept. alert
49. Ocean-going initials

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



The Appeal Of Fresh-Fruit Pie

Bumble Berry Pie

- | | |
|----------------|---|
| Crust | 3 cups Unbleached All-Purpose Flour |
| | 1 Tbsp. confectioners' sugar |
| | 1 tsp. salt |
| | 1/2 cup butter |
| | 1/2 cup vegetable shortening |
| | 5 Tbsp. ice water |
| Filling | 1/3 cup Flour Unbleached All-Purpose Flour |
| | 2 Tbsp. butter |
| | 1 cup granulated sugar |
| | 1 cup raspberries |
| | 1 cup blueberries |
| | 1 cup strawberries, sliced |
| | 1 cup rhubarb, sliced |
| | 1 cup chopped apple |
| | 2 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice OR 1/4 tsp. lemon oil |

Crust: Whisk together flour, sugar and salt, then use a pastry blender to cut in the butter and shortening. Mix till the mixture is crumbly. Drizzle just enough water over the mixture to make it cohesive, tossing till it begins to come together. (You may use a food processor, if you like.) Gather it into a ball, and divide it in half. Flatten one half into a disk, and the other into a 3-inch diameter log (about 2 inches long). Wrap each in plastic wrap, refrigerate the disk for 30 minutes, and freeze the log.

Filling: Mix together flour, butter and sugar; toss this mixture with all of the fruit and lemon juice or lemon oil.

Assembly: Roll the flattened disk of pie crust into a 12-inch circle, and lay it gently into a 9-inch pie plate. Spoon in the filling. Remove the pastry log from the freezer, and use the medium-to-large holes of a grater to shred it atop the pie filling. Sprinkle with coarse sugar, if desired.

Baking: Bake the pie in a preheated 450°F. oven for 15 minutes. Reduce the oven heat to 375°F., and bake for an additional 45 to 50 minutes. The pastry should be light brown, and the filling bubbly. Remove the pie from the oven, and cool it for at least 1 hour before serving. (The pie will be too runny if sliced while still warm.) Yield: 1 pie, 8 servings.

FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?

Did You Know

Lake Baikal in Siberia, Russia is the deepest lake in the world. At its deepest point it is 5,371 feet. (just over a mile)

CONNECT the dots

HOROSCOPES

For the Week of June 5, 2003

 Capricorn December 22-January 19 Appearances are not all that they are cracked up to be. Don't spend too much time on yours, or you may miss out on something fun.	 Aries March 21-April 19 A long-lost friend returns to share their good fortune. Get reacquainted with a night on the town. Travel may be in the near future.	 Cancer June 22-July 22 It's entirely too soon to start thinking about another home improvement project. The last one went way over budget. Take a break and focus your efforts elsewhere.	 Libra September 23-October 22 Life's little problems keep cropping up, but you're so resourceful you always seem to know what to do. An acquaintance will notice and nominate you for a key position in an organization.
 Aquarius January 20-February 18 A friend has received good news but doesn't seem excited. Find out if something is wrong, but don't push. Everything may be fine and your friend may just be tired.	 Taurus April 20-May 20 You have difficulty opening up, but this week, you'll have no other choice. Take a deep breath and spill the beans! You'll feel much better afterwards.	 Leo July 23-August 22 An accounting glitch may occur. If you don't do something about it right away, it could turn into a costly hassle later. Don't delay!	 Scorpio October 23-November 21 Quality is something you have come to expect, and this week, you will not be disappointed as an employee presents a finely tuned proposal. Reward them well.
 Pisces February 19-March 20 You will experience more angst this week at work than you thought possible. Don't worry about it—everything will work out in the end.	 Gemini May 21-June 21 Success lies ahead. Enjoy it while it lasts. An unexpected phone call results in a flurry of activity. Keep a cool head.	 Virgo August 23-September 22 A business associate likes your proposal. Give yourself a pat on the back and keep up the good work. A surprise is headed your way!	 Sagittarius November 22-December 21 It doesn't seem possible, but you have finally cleared off your desk. Your boss will notice and present you with an even bigger project.

Adopt a Pet

June is a Adopt-A-Cat month! Bonnie is a 4 to 5 month old spayed female. She is a very loving domestic medium hair. She is leukemia tested and has all of her shots.

There are still a few Dog-Opoly, and Wild Animal-Opoly games available! Cost is a donation \$25 each and all proceeds go to help the animals in our care. Creature Comforts Cookbooks are still available for a donation of \$15. Call the shelter for details or stop in the Avalanche for either item.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County
is located at:
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling
 Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall
 Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 3 pm; Sun. and Holidays 8 am - 11 am
 After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week				Extended Forecast (Courtesy of the Weather.com)						
Date	H	L	Rain	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
5/28	74	40		High 70	High 73	High 66	High 67	High 67	High 69	
5/29	76	50	.04	Low 49	Low 51	Low 50	Low 46	Low 48	Low 50	
5/30	68	40	.01	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Scattered T-Storms	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Scattered Showers	
6/01	62	44	.27							
6/02	56	33								
6/03	65	35								
6/04	71	36								

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TWO BEDROOM DUPLEX Storage, lawn care, laundry hook-up, no-smoking. \$395 8114 Insley Ave. (989) 348-2178 (6/5/03tf/2)

2. For Rent

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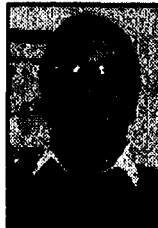
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Nice 1488 SF, 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home on large wooded lot. Some features are a cathedral ceiling in living room with a fireplace, sunporch with hot tub, large family room, attached garage with drive through doors, all this just steps from Higgins Lake. #5088 \$152,000



SERVICE



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Situated on 5 acres is this 1,900 SF home with a lot of extras to offer. 3 to 4, living room and family room, ceramic flooring in family room and kitchen, plenty of remodeling has been done. Seller will install a forced system air conditioning prior to closing #5094 \$110,000



Lake Front, Three bedroom cottage on a secluded lake between Grayling and Gaylord. Ride your Snowmobile out your front drive or go fishing from your rear deck. Year around recreation. Nice sandy beach frontage, great swimming and fishing area. Also includes 14' boat. #5068 \$129,900



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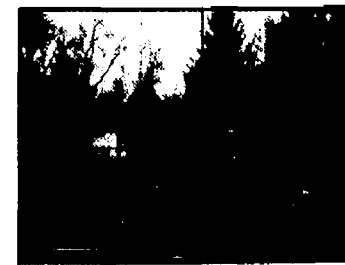
Newly remodeled 4 bedroom Farm House on 20 acres. Working farm features a hay field, 32x48 Pole Barn, a round pen, wood paddock, and a loafing shed. Home has and many updates: drywall, oak kitchen cabinets, split stone gas fireplace, new well, furnace, copper pipes, electrical and more. #5023 \$139,900



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email feldmaa@trinity-health.org

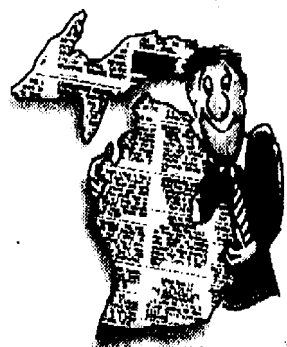
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! River House Shelter is looking for volunteers to do outside maintenance and lawn mowing for the summer season. Of you are interested in this or other volunteer positions, please call Sandy Lewis at 989-348-3169 for more information about how to become a River House Shelter Volunteer.

HAVE SOME EXTRA TIME?

River House is looking for additional volunteers. Volunteers can assist with transporting clients, answering phones, child care, assisting in the shelter. We are looking for individuals who can come on a regular basis, but those who prefer to help sporadically are also welcome. If you would like to see if your interests and talents match the needs of River House, call Sandy Lewis at 348-3169 for more information about applying to volunteer.

8. Announcements

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! You can help the women and children who come to River House Shelter by volunteering your time to be a shelter assistant. Volunteers are needed Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Call Sandy Lewis at 348-3169 for more information about this and other volunteer positions.

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9. Announcements

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CAN DRIVE & Hot Dog Sale. Proceeds for Grayling High School Football. Sponsored by Rochettes IGA, 508 N. James, Saturday, June 7, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Also, bottle and can drop off on Friday, June 6, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Northend Grocery, Frederic; 7-Eleven, Grayling, and Ole Barn (M-72 West and M-93) Grayling. (-29-5/8)

GRAY ROCK CAFE Karaoke every Friday and Saturday night, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. 2123 Industrial Drive, Grayling. (989) 348-5181 (3/13/03tf/8)

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10. Garage Sales

GARAGE SALE Thursday, June 5, 10 a.m. 4014 N. Old 27 three miles north of high school. Two family. Cookie jars, rocking chairs, collectibles, toys, tables, a little of everything. Rain or shine. (-5/10)

GARAGE SALE June 6, 7, 8. Homemade crafts. Generator \$400. Riding lawn mower \$125. Lots of stuff. Directions: off Jones Lake Rd. to Woodland to 2983 Palmer Place, four miles out of town follow signs to dead end. (-5/10)

300 ELM ST. Friday, Saturday, Sunday. 9:00-5:00 (-29-5/10)

MOVING SALE Everything must go! 2887 West M-72 toward Mio. Friday, Saturday, Sunday. 8:00-4:00. (-5/10)

GARAGE SALE Tools, clothes, furniture, guns, household items, trucks, etc. Friday - Saturday. 8:30 - ? 1386D Ole Dam Rd. (-5/10)

THREE FAMILY Garage Sale. Friday only! June 6, 9:00-5:00. 6961 Pollock Bridge Rd. Antique hunting decoys, furniture, bathroom building materials. Miscellaneous Household items. Hundreds of pairs of new earrings. Plus a "free" table. (-5/10)

9. Personals

Happy Birthday Dad!
Thanks for Everything!
Love,
Anne, Simon & Greg

Happy Birthday
Monty Midwell
Love, Todd, Sheryl
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10. Garage Sales

Help Send The Kids To Camp!
Grayling Eagles Coney Day
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10. Garage Sales

GARAGE SALE Michigan Avenue and Erie. June 6 and 7, Friday and Saturday, 9-? Shower door, laundry tub, clothes for all, table, books, lots of miscellaneous. (-5/10)

GARAGE SALE June 6 and 7, 9:00 till ? Weather permitting. 7848 W. Five Mile off Military Rd. Hawley residence. (-5/10)

SATURDAY ONLY June 7. Kayaks, air compressor, kids toys, books, collectibles, swing set, miscellaneous. 1414 Ole Dam Road. 8:30-4:30 (-5/10)

ESTATE SALE/GARAGE SALE 4161 White Pine Dr., Roscommon. Friday - Saturday, June 6-7, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tools, guns, autos, appliances, boat and trailer, furniture, men's clothes, books, electronic equipment, household furnishings and other miscellaneous items. Everything must go. White Pine Dr. is north of N. Higgins Lake Rd. off S. Grayling Rd. (-5/10)

NICE GARAGE SALE June 6 and 7 starting at 8:00 to ? It will be held at 401 Lake St. the brick house on the corner across from Catholic Church. The following items are for sale: nice clothing all sizes, bedding, crafts, wreaths, birdhouses, Christmas decorations, furniture, knick knacks, kitchen items, rugs, nice miscellaneous and priced to sell. (-5/10)

GARAGE SALE 6-8 June from 9-4 p.m. Rain or shine 1124 Little John Ave., Sherwood Forest. Household items, tools, etc. (-5/10)

GRAYLING CO-OP PRESCHOOL is looking for donations for our yard sale. If you have any clean usable items to donate please call Kim at (989) 344-0345. (-5/10)

804 PARK Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 9:00-4:00. (-5/10)

GARAGE SALE One day only! Saturday, June 7, 8:30-4:00. 808 Maple St. Several families. (-5/10)

10. Garage Sales

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Legislature's first days documented at web site

At the end of 2002, for the first time in the history of any state or national legislature, every action of an entire legislative session and every vote of every legislator had been described in concise, plain English, and recorded in a searchable electronic public database.

The feat was accomplished by MichiganVotes.org, a free public service of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy.

This year, in the first 100 days of the new 92nd legislature, MichiganVotes.org has described all 956 bills, 131 amendments, 149 resolutions, and 102 roll-call votes of the session. No bills have been signed into law.

Anyone with Internet access can search the legislative database by legislator, keyword, bill number, and 40 subject categories. Users can also create custom voting record guides for senators or representatives. Citizens interested in particular issues, such as education, the environment, or property taxes can register for e-mail alerts of legislative action on those issues.

MichiganVotes.org manager Jack McHugh and recent upgrades allow users to view descriptions of House and Senate resolutions, searchable by legislator, keyword, number, and subject category. MichiganVotes.org users may also receive automatic e-mail notifications of action on resolutions.

"Resolutions add an important dimension to understanding the positions and records of legislators," McHugh said. "While some are fluff, others are important declarations of principle or substantive policy proposals."

Among the latter he cited res-

olutions to extend term limits, cap university tuition, and require super-majority votes on tax hikes. A recent resolution required senators to take a position for or against the Iraq war, not just "in support of the troops," he said.

Mackinac Center President Lawrence Reed said his organization's "first-of-its-kind public legislative database was not produced by government officials spending taxpayer dollars, but by a nonprofit organization supported entirely by private, voluntary contributions."

Reed said he believes MichiganVotes.org is elevating political dialogue in the Great Lakes State. "Politicians often use outrageous mischaracterizations of particular votes to tar opponents or puff their own records," he said. "MichiganVotes.org gives citizens an instant truth meter by which they can measure the pronouncements of elected officials. The web site levels the playing field between citizens and Lansing insiders."

The idea is catching on. A nonprofit policy research institute in Washington state has worked with Mackinac Center officials to launch WashingtonVotes.org for that state's part-time legislature. Institutes in other states are also considering emulating the Mackinac Center's service.

In the 2001-2002 legislative session, MichiganVotes.org served to inform citizens, community leaders, business people, journalists, and public officials about legislation that affects their families, schools, jobs and communities. The web site provides tools for citizens to take a more active part in the democratic process, and hold their elected representatives accountable.

Holiday tree search is on

Springtime seems to have arrived only recently but for some in Michigan the focus is on the Capital's great annual holiday tradition.

Management and Budget Director Mitch Irwin announced recently that the State of Michigan and the Michigan Timbermen's Association will conduct their 17th annual holiday tree search.

The Holiday Tree must meet certain qualifications to be considered, however the search is open to any individual or organization.

The tree specifications are as follows: it must be a Spruce or Fir, at least 65 feet in height;

with a maximum crown diameter of 30 feet and a trunk diameter of no more than 30 inches. It must also be reasonably close to roads so that trucks can transport it and be available at no charge.

Those wishing to participate should send information including a contact name and telephone number, the location and specifics regarding the tree and, if possible, a photo of the tree, by June 15, to:

Holiday Tree Search, State of Michigan, Department of Management and Budget, Tenant and Land Services, P.O. Box 30026, Lansing, MI 48909.

Miss Michigan Teen pageant seeks entrants

Entry packets are available for Michigan teen women between the ages of 14 and 17 interested in competing for the title of Miss Michigan Teen.

The Miss Michigan Teen Scholarship Program is sponsored by the Local Association

of Michigan Pageants (LAMP) organization, and is a fund-raiser for that organization designed to prepare and educate young women for local Miss programs. Contestants must have lived in Michigan for at least six months.

The pageant, set for 7 p.m. on Saturday, August 23, will be hosted at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills.

Competition areas are: interview and platform, 40 percent; two-minute talent, 30 percent; casual wear, 10 percent; evening wear, 10 percent; and overall composite, 10 percent.

Contestants will arrive at the Holiday Inn - Farmington Hills on Friday, August 22 for a 6 p.m. dress rehearsal, with competition to follow the next day. The new Miss Michigan Teen will receive a scholarship and crown. Four runners-up will also be recognized.

To receive an entry packet, call Frederic Zoschke, President, LAMP, at (269) 428-4999 or email him at: frederic@miss-southwestmichigan.org by July 1, 2003.

Crossword Answers

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GRAND TRAVERSE FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

FEET INJURIES & THE LAWNMOWER

Approximately 25,000 Americans suffer injuries in power lawn mower accidents each year. Injuries range from serious lacerations to amputated toes. To prevent a lost toe, serious infection, or severed tendon, pay close attention to safety when operating a lawn mower. Protect the feet by wearing heavy shoes or work boots. Sneakers and sandals are unsafe and bare feet are extremely dangerous. Mow across slopes rather than up and down the lawn. Avoid pulling a running mower backwards, and never mow a wet lawn. The mower should have a handle release mechanism that stops the mower automatically when you let go. Keep clip bags attached to prevent injuries from projectiles like sticks and pebbles. Keep children away when mowing the lawn.

If you are the victim of a foot injury, we urge you to seek professional attention as promptly as possible. Early intervention and state-of-the-art treatment can keep you on your feet. And at Grand Traverse Foot & Ankle Center, P.C., we'll also suggest ways you can avoid foot problems in the first place. Feet are crucial to your body's welfare. Treat them accordingly with regular podiatric attention and timely emergency care. Call us at 922-9100 & 1-800-968-7440 for an appointment at 1209 E. 8th Street, Traverse City. Offices in Traverse City, also Kalkaska Memorial Health Center Monday & Wednesday afternoons and evenings.

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WEEKDAY SCHEDULED SERVICES TO:

FREDERIC & MAPLE FOREST

Leaves Grayling	5:45 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	6:45 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	9:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	11:30 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	3:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	5:00 p.m.

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Leaves Grayling	9:00 a.m.
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Leaves Grayling	3:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	5:00 p.m.

M-72 EAST

Leaves Grayling	6:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	7:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	9:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	11:30 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	1:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	3:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	5:00 p.m.

M-72 WEST

*Demand Response Service
Calls Worked in Between Other Runs*

BEAVER CREEK & ROSCOMMON

Leaves Grayling	7:30 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	11:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	1:00 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	2:15 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	4:30 p.m.

*The 1:00 p.m. south run does not go all the way into Roscommon.

To Request Weekday Demand Response Services
Call Dispatch @ 348-5409.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR CHILDREN LESS THAN 10 YEARS OLD

- Children less than 4 years of age must be accompanied by a parent, babysitter or other responsible person when riding on a CCTA vehicle.
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- A complete copy of related program policies will be provided upon request.

NON EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

Transportation dependent individuals requiring services to health care facilities providing specialized medical services not available locally may qualify for nonemergency medical transportation service.

For information regarding this program contact:
Dave Frederick @ 348-8215

SPECIAL EVENT TRIPS:**

Scheduled For June 2003

Trip #1
Date: Tuesday, June 10, 2003
Destination: Victoria's Casino-Petoskey
Departs Grayling 8:30 a.m.
Arrives back in Grayling 4:00 p.m. (Approximately)

Trip #2
Date: Thursday, June 19, 2003
Destination: West Branch
Event "Out to Lunch Gang Trip"
Lunch at the Lumberjack Restaurant & Shopping at Outlet Mall
Sponsored by the Crawford County Commission on Aging
Contact Elouise Mize @ 348-7123 to Reserve a Seat
Depart Grayling: 10:00 a.m.
Arrives back in Grayling: 4:00 p.m. (approximately)

****Special Event Trips Require: (1) a minimum of twenty-two passengers; and (2) that passengers less than 18 years of age be accompanied by a responsible adult.**

To Reserve Seats or Request Information Concerning Special Event Trips
Call Richard or Gary @ 348-4101

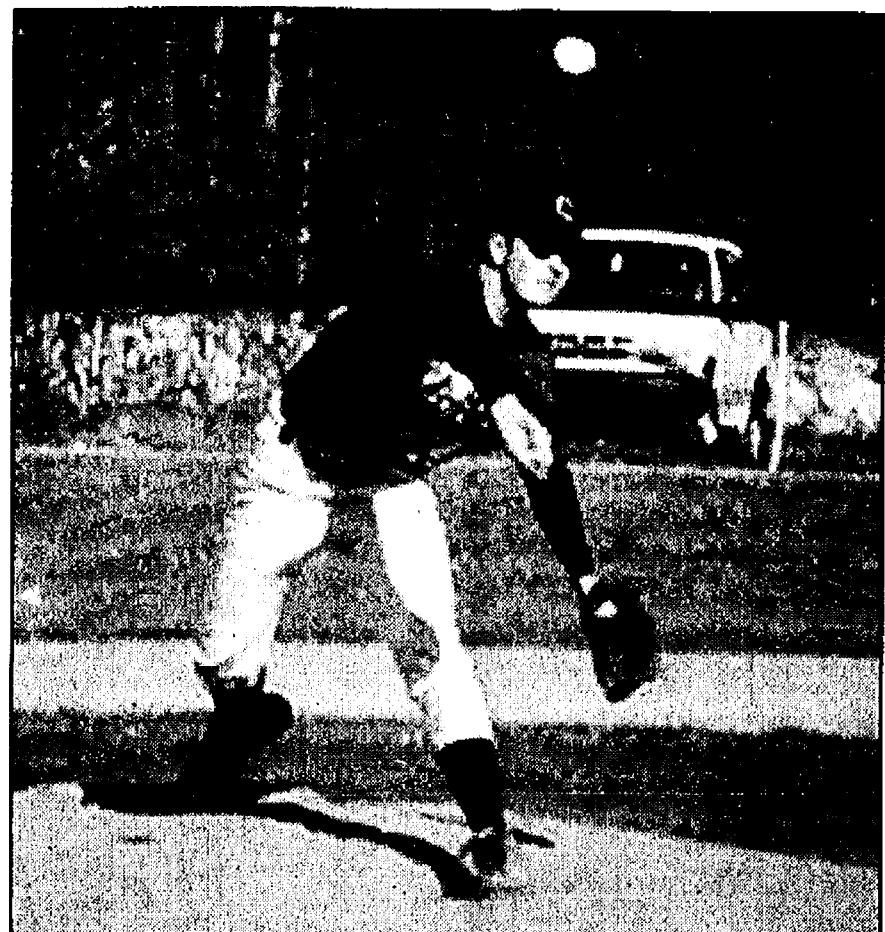
Vikings finish regular season

The GHS varsity baseball team finished its 2003 regular season with two losses to Bay City John Glenn at GHS on May 22.

BCJG won the first game of the doubleheader 12-0.

Adam Kaiser was the leading hitter for Grayling in the contest at 2 for 2.

In game two, the Bobcats won 6-1. Greg Morrill and Andy Strohpaul both batted 2 for 3 for the Vikings.



Andy Strohpaul pitches for Grayling in the series vs. Bay City John Glenn on May 22.



Photos by Caleb Casey

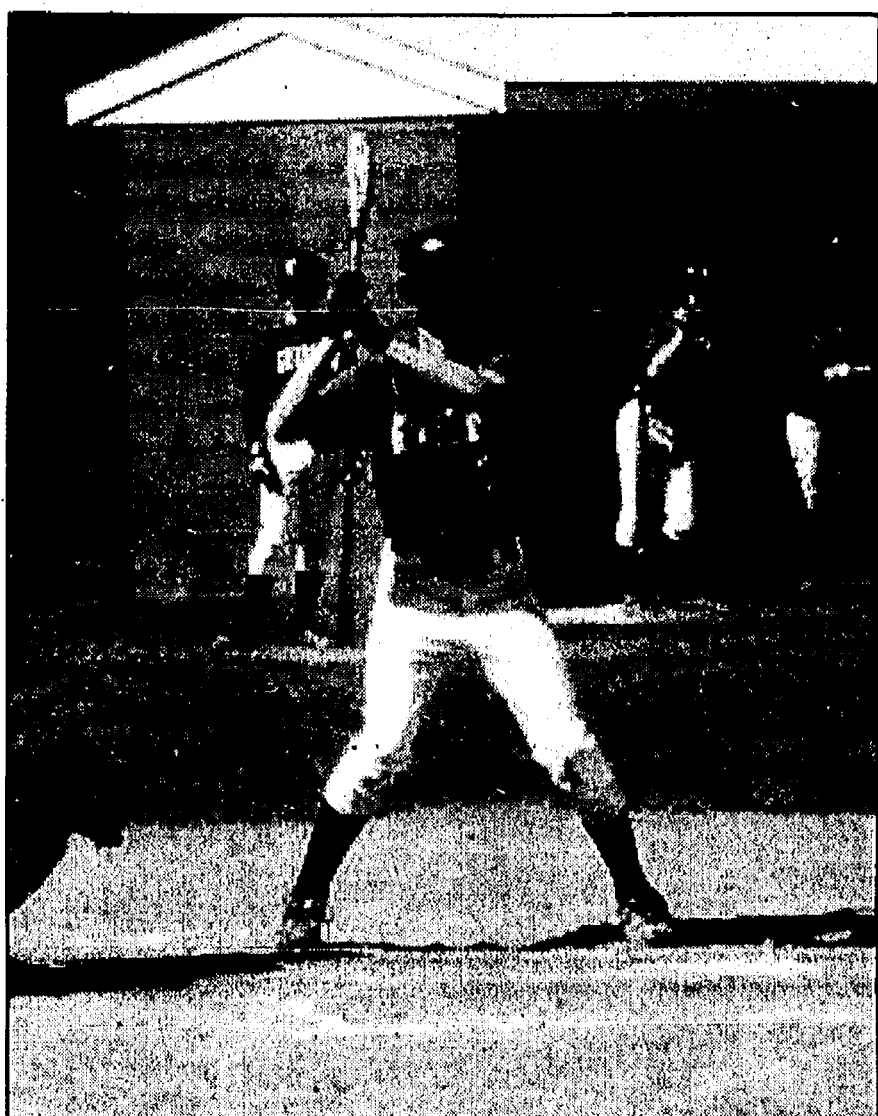
Roy Czapek completes his wind-up while pitching for Grayling in game one of the Bay City series.



D.J. Metzger leads off at first base.



Third baseman Ryan Davis awaits a pitch.



Joe Lange bats for Grayling in game one of the doubleheader vs. BCJG.

Two Vikings earn all-league honors

► Kaiser and Lange named to all-conference 2nd team in NEMC

Two Grayling High School varsity baseball players - Adam Kaiser, a senior, and Joe Lange, a junior - earned all-league honors in the North East Michigan Conference in 2003. Both players were recently named to the all-conference "2nd team."

Kaiser, the team's shortstop, batted .361 with six RBI and 6 stolen bases in North East Michigan Conference games this season. Overall, Kaiser hit .358 (with 1 HR, 1 3B, and 4 2B), 15 runs scored, 10 RBI, and 13 steals. He posted a solid .923 fielding average (8 errors in 105 chances).

Lange, first baseman, batted .200 in the NEMC with 2 HR, 2 stolen bases, and 5 RBI. Overall, he posted a team-leading .372 batting average and finished the

regular season with 13 RBI, 5 steals, and 8 runs scored. He had a fielding percentage of .986 (2 errors in 146 chances).

In all, the Vikings had five regulars that hit over .300 during the 2003 season. The other three were:

• Greg Morrill, junior, catcher. Morrill hit .368 (including 6 2B) with 15 RBI, 9 runs scored, and 5 steals. In NEMC play, he hit .320 with 5 RBI.

• Chris Wakeley, senior, second baseman. Wakeley batted .313 this year with 10 runs scored, 11 RBI, and 9 steals.

• Andy Strohpaul, junior, C/P. Strohpaul hit .361 with 10 runs, 10 RBI, and 11 steals.

Gibson Tobin, a sophomore, batted .346 in 26 at-bats after being called up to varsity late in the season. He had 4 RBI and 9 steals.

On the mound, Roy Czapek led the Vikings in ERA at 2.14. Strohpaul had a 3-2 record with a 4.20 ERA and Wakeley was 2-2 with a 4.5 ERA.



Adam Kaiser
All-NEMC 2nd Team



Joe Lange
All-NEMC 2nd Team

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Tara, we are proud of you!



Love- Mom, Dad, Maria, Chasen, Brandon & Brandon, Frankowski, Brandon & Brandon Papadakis, Auntz, Uncles & Cousins

Antonio Sala



As you begin your studies at WMU, remember to believe in yourself, your dreams and in the power that you have to control your own life. Oh yes, please try to call home and visit us occasionally. Love- Mom & Nick

Senior Class of 2003


Graduation Exercises

Commencement
Friday, June 6, 2003
Grayling High School
Football Stadium
Program begins at 8:00 p.m.

Baccalaureate
Wednesday, June 4, 2003
Ausable Primary School
Program begins at 7:00 p.m.

Congratulations Tracy


*Dream Big!
Never lose sight of
your goals.
It's your dream,
no one else's!*



*Love,
Mom & Dad*

Janelle,

*We are so proud of you and all of
your accomplishments! Continue to
strive for all your dreams this fall at
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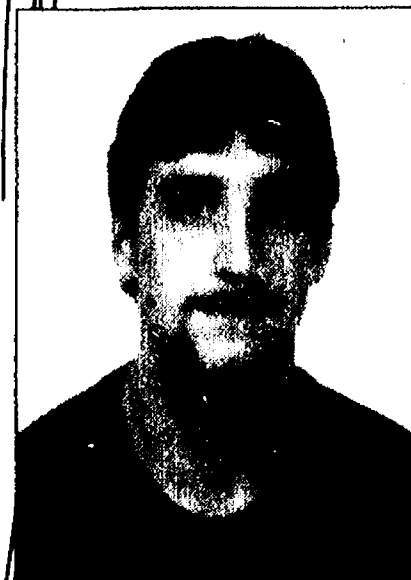
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Jason Glicker!

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The Staff & Management of Wendy's

Class Officers

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Ashley Bancroft

President
Janelle Gregorich

Vice President
Monica Safin

Secretary
Kim Mitchell

Treasurer
James Kenney

Representatives
Ashley Beemer
Andrea Dunckley

Class Advisors

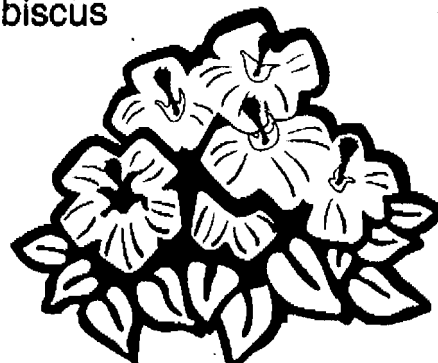
Mrs. Meredith Anderson
Mrs. Barbara Hunter

Class Motto

Yesterday is gone,
Tomorrow may never come,
Live for Today.

Class Flower

Hibiscus



Class Colors

Royal Blue, Turquoise, and
Seaweed Green

Contributions

To honor the Grayling High School Class of 2003, the *Crawford County Avalanche* and area businesses have supported the annual commemorative senior keepsake edition during commencement week. This special section was produced by Grayling High School seniors Jenna McClain and Sarah Golnick, with the assistance of the *Crawford County Avalanche* staff.

Class Song

"Dream On" By Aerosmith

Every time that I look in the mirror
All these lines on my face gettin' clearer
The past has gone
It went by like dusk till dawn
Isn't that the way
Everybody's got their dues in life to pay
Yeah...I know nobody knows
Where it comes and where it goes
I know it's everybody's sin
You got to lose to know...how to win
Half my life's in books written pages
Live and learn from fools and from sages
You know it's true
All the things come back to you
Sing with me sing for the year
Sing for the laughter and sing for the tear
Sing with me if it's just for today
Maybe tomorrow the good Lord will take you away
Well...sing with me sing for the year
Sing for the laughter sing and for the tear
Sing it with me if it's just for today
Maybe tomorrow the good Lord will take you away...ahh
Mmmm...dream on...dream on...dream on
Dream yourself a dream come true
Dream on...dream on...dream on...
And dream until your dream
comes true
Dream on...dream on...dream on...dream on...
Dream on...dream on...dream on...aaahhh...
Sing with me song for the year
Sing for the laughter sing for the tear
Sing it with me if it's just for today
Maybe tomorrow good Lord will take you away
Sing with me sing for the year
Sing for the laughter and sing for the tear
Sing it with me if it's just for today
Maybe tomorrow the good Lord will take you away

A Special Thank You To



**Jenna
McClain
and
Sarah
Golnick**

for a great job done on the 2003 Senior Section
and Best Wishes with your future careers!

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Andria Alvarez
No response.



Roger Alvarez, Jr.
Son of Todd and Kathy Nye and Roger Alvarez. After graduation I plan to attend Lake Superior State University and major in Criminal Justice.



Britni Jayne Baker
Daughter of John Baker and Bill and Cheryl Lowes. After graduation I plan to attend Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.



Danielle Beckwith
Daughter of Jack and Anne Beckwith. After graduation I plan to attend Michigan State University and study Zoology and Theatre.



Ashley Beemer
Daughter of Craig Beemer and Susan Gothro. After graduation I plan to attend Saginaw Valley State University to major in International Business.



Michele Belcher
Daughter of Pete and Gail Belcher. After graduation I plan to attend Kirtland Community College and transfer to a four year school.



Andrew Boardman
Son of Bob and Sue Boardman. After graduation I plan to go into the Military.



Lexi Bondar
Daughter of Al and Debbie Bondar. After graduation I plan to attend Ferris State University and graduate with a degree in Business and Psychology.



William Robert Brewer
Son of Wade and Bonnie Brewer. After graduation I plan to attend Michigan Technological University.



Jennifer Arlene Brunell
Daughter of Paul and Christine Brunell. After graduation I plan to attend Kirtland Community College and transfer to a university.



James David Burton, III
Son of Dale and Janna Metzger. After graduation I plan to attend college and pursue a career in Electrical Engineering.



Kristen Cerelli
No response.



Maeghan Raine Corwin
Daughter of Butch and Betty Corwin. I plan to attend Spring Arbor University for Vocal Performance or Contemporary Christian Ministries.



Matt Cottrell
Son of Colin and Cheryl Cottrell.



William Cousins
No response.



Megan Cox
After graduation I plan to attend Kirtland Community College.



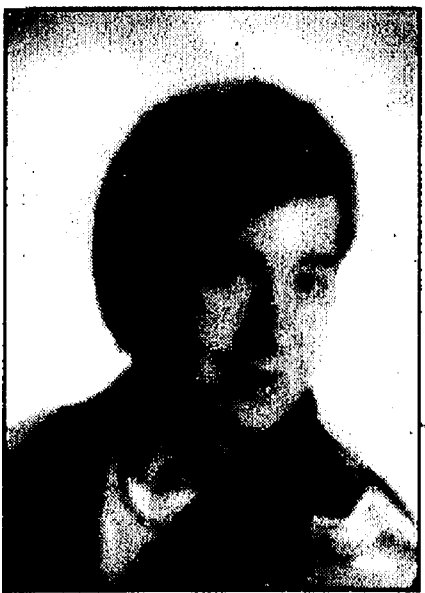
Christopher Cragg
Son of Bryan and Melanie Cragg. I plan to attend either Saginaw Valley State or Central Michigan University and study Computer Science.



Samuel Cross
Son of James and Donna Cross. After graduation I plan to attend Northern Michigan University and study Creative Writing.



Brianne Crowl
Daughter of Randy Crowl and Patti Wilson. After graduation I plan to move to Virginia and go to school.



Dain Decker
No response.



Sean Doyle
Son of Steve and Ruth Doyle. After graduation I plan to attend Kirtland Community College for my basics and get a degree in Business Management.



Andrea Duncley
Daughter of Brian and Julia Duncley. After graduation I plan to attend Oakland Community College and major in Elementary Education and Film.



Amber Edgerton
Daughter of Jack and Gayle Edgerton. I plan to attend Central Michigan University and major in Vocal Music with a minor in Teaching.



Lori Ellis
Daughter of Daniel and Deborah Ellis. I plan to attend Kirtland Community College and study Massage Therapy and Radiology Technician.

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Kimberly Erb
Daughter of Kenneth and Joann Erb. After graduation I plan to travel with my mother.



Travis Fagan
Son of Alan and Julie Fagan. After graduation I plan to attend Kirtland Community College.



Shane Ferrell
Son of Joe Ferrell and Brenda Mikula. After graduation I plan to attend Michigan Technological University and major in Civil Engineering.



Justin Arthur Fisette
Son of Arthur and Tina Fisette, Jr. I plan to attend Kirtland Community College and transfer to a four-year University. Major is undecided.



Kyle Fleischmann
Son of Jim and Mary Ann Frick. After graduation I plan to go to college.



Arrow Fransisco
Daughter of Reda Fransisco. After graduation I plan to attend Lake Superior State University and major in Elementary Education.



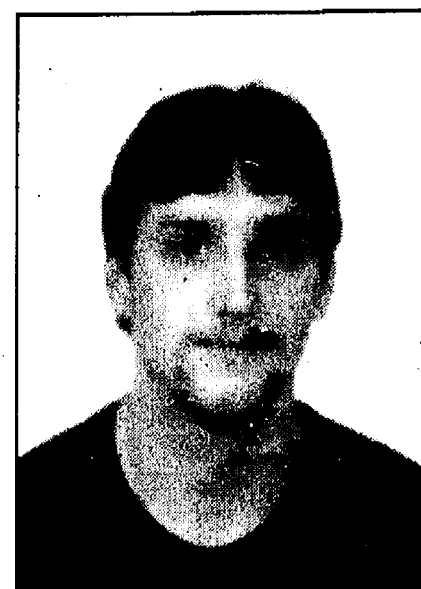
Todd Allan Gaffke
Son of Tom and Janet Gaffke. After graduation I plan to attend either CMU or Indiana University and major in Music Performance.



Jennie L. Gibbons
Daughter of Terri Gibbons. I plan to attend Northwestern Michigan College for my Culinary Arts degree and one day operate my own restaurant.



Patti Martella, Shannon Terry, & Tracy Parkinson smile knowing there is only a few more days left of school!



Jason Glicker
Son of David and Deborah Glicker. After graduation I plan to go to college to study Psychology.



Sarah Elizabeth Golnick
Daughter of Chris and Linda Golnick. I plan to attend Oakland University in Rochester and major in Business Marketing and Interior Design.



Jason Gomez
Son of Richard and Pamela Engel. After graduation I plan to leave on August 4, 2003 for the Marine Corps. Recruit Training in San Diego, California.



Jessica Green
Daughter of Karl and Cheri Green. I plan to attend Northwood University in West Palm Beach, FL and obtain a dual major in Entertainment, Sport Promotion/Business Management.



Janelle Gregorich
Daughter of Jon and Dianne Gregorich. After graduation I plan to attend Saginaw Valley State University and major in Elementary Education.



Rachel Hagle
Daughter of Glenn and Sue Hagle. After graduation I plan to attend Kirtland Community College and major in Child Care Aide.



Ryan Harland
Son of Tom and Jody Coors and Marc and Sheila Harland. After graduation I plan to enlist into the Air Force and become a Computer Programmer.



Lance M. Harmer
Son of Michael Harmer and Margaret and William Schreiner. After graduation I plan to pursue a music career.



Alexia Harvey
Daughter of Stan J. and Mary Jo Forrester. After graduation I plan to attend Kirtland Community College to finish Cosmetology.



Kimberly Renae Hatfield
Daughter of Sharon and Dennis Sloan. After graduation I plan to go to college and major in Journalism or Elementary Education.



Ken Heinlein
Son of Jim and Mary Heinlein. I plan to attend CMU to pursue a double major in Music Education and Tuba Performance.



Jesse Jo Helsel
Grandson of Ellen Helsel. After graduation I plan to go into the Marines.

YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY BABIES AND WERE SO VERY PROUD OF YOU!

SHANNON

CALEB & BRETT

JUSTIN

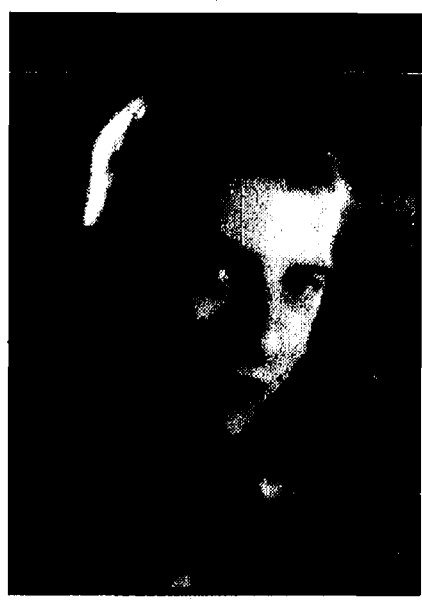
FROM THE TERRY'S, THE HEDGECOCKS & THE HELSELS



Jason William Henning
Son of Anthony and Tamara Henning. After graduation I plan to attend University of Chicago to study Astrophysics.



Andi Holzbauer
Daughter of Clyde and Nadine Holzbauer. After graduation I plan to attend CMU and study music or design. I hope to do my graduate work at U of M.



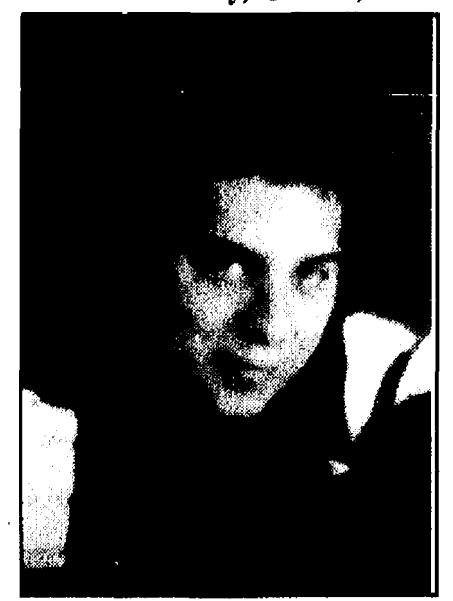
Tyler William Huber
Son of Chuck and Karen Huber. After graduation I plan to attend KCC then transfer to FSU to major in Mechanical Engineering Technology.



Carmen Hulbert
Daughter of Brian Hulbert and Judy Crandall. After graduation I plan to attend Kirtland Community College.



Eric Hunter
Son of John and Barbara Hunter. After graduation I plan to attend Saginaw Valley and play soccer for them.



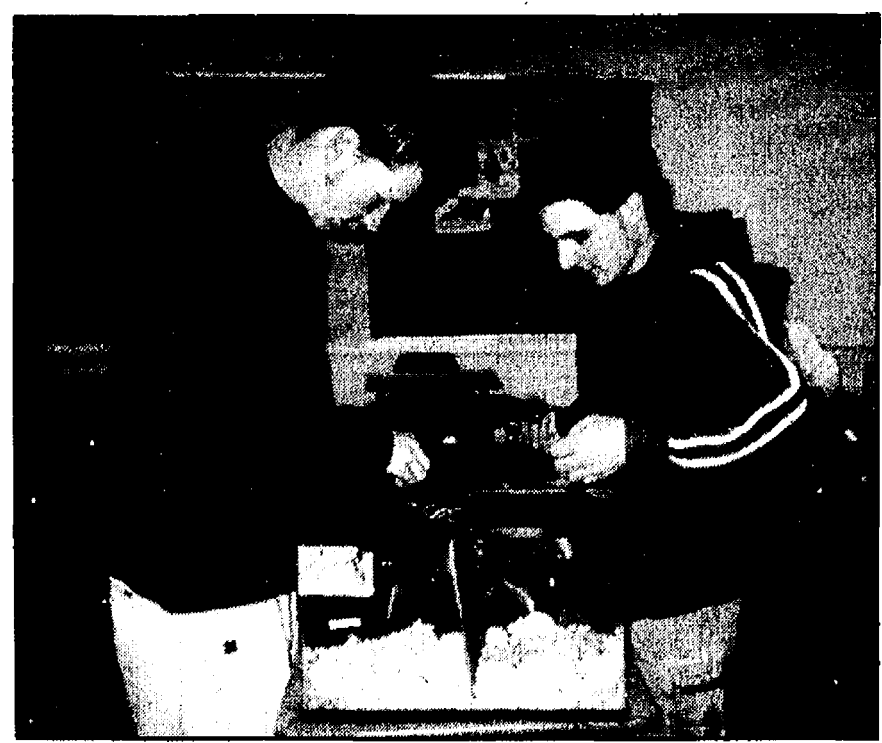
Brandon Jacobs
Son of Brian and Vicki Jacobs. After graduation I plan to skateboard everyday and be a manager at Burger King.



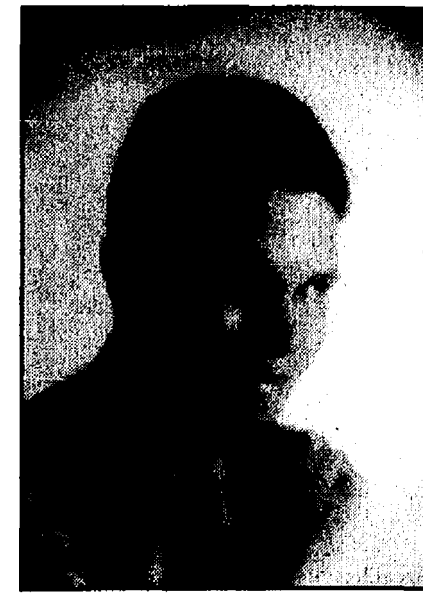
Sally Jansen
Daughter of Curt and Sue Jansen. After graduation I plan to work for a semester and then attend Kirtland for a year or two.



Adam Johns
No response.



Foreign Exchange student Pawel Wojcik and senior Shawn Weatherly feed their mice for a Psychology experiment in Mr. Darnell Wilson's seminar class.



Kevin Jozwiak
Son of Rocky and Annette Jozwiak. I plan to continue working with Hal's Masonry, and also continue in the Bible education work of Jehovah's Witness.



Adam Kaiser
Son of Bert and Penny Kaiser. After graduation I plan to attend college to pursue a business degree.



Tabatha Ketchum
Daughter of Michael and Constance Ketchum. After graduation I plan to attend college to become a nurse.



KC Ann Kindler
Daughter of Gene and Evelyn Kindler. After graduation I plan to attend KCC to get my teaching degree, then transfer to Grand Valley State University.



Nick Klemish
Son of Bryan and Judy Klemish. After graduation I plan to attend Kirtland Community College and later transfer to Ferris State University.



Danyelle Larson
Daughter of Don and Cindy Larson. After graduation I plan to attend Northwestern Michigan College in the fall and major in medical field.



James Everett Lawrence
Son of Armand and Lorraine Lawrence. After graduation I plan to join the Air Force.



Ashley Erin Longendyke
Daughter of Richard and Susan Longendyke. After graduation I plan to continue my dance career and further my education.



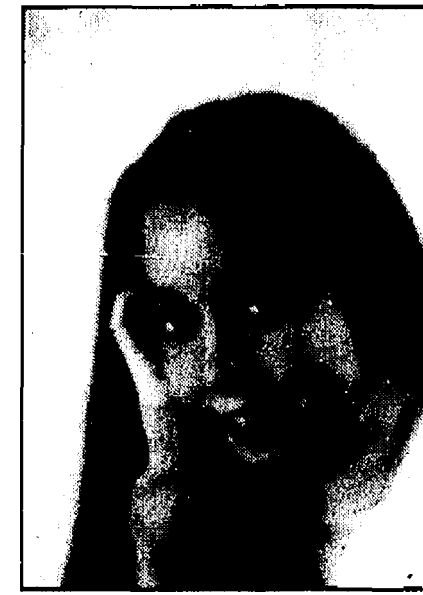
Nicole Lutz
Daughter of Mark and June Lutz. After graduation I plan to attend a community college to study business.



Bonnie Mahaney
Daughter of Matt and Debbie Mahaney. After graduation I plan to attend Delta Community College.



Daniel Matthew Mahaney
Son of Matt and Debbie Mahaney. After graduation I plan to attend Delta University for criminal justice.



Patricia Rene Martella
Daughter of Edward and Karen Martella III. After graduation I plan to attend KCC for a year, then transfer to CMU for Education or Engineering.



Jenna L McClain
Daughter of Scott McClain and Doria Larm. After graduation I plan to attend KCC to major in fine arts, then transfer to a higher art school.

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One Stop**



Charles Joseph McNamara
Son of Michael and Beverly McNamara. After graduation I plan to attend Harvard University and at this time I have an undecided program of study.



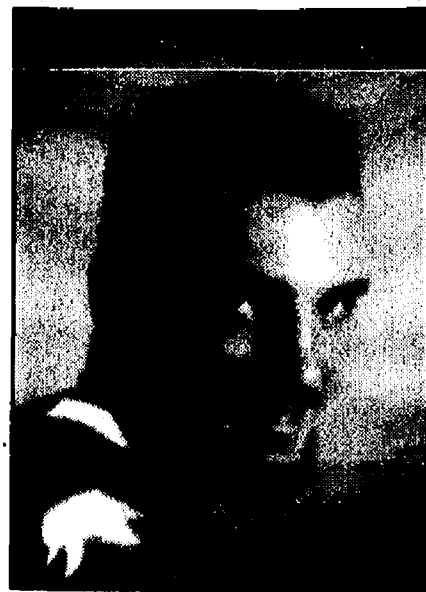
Brett Mead
Son of Dee and Dora Mead. After graduation I plan to attend Kirtland Community College.



Heather Merchant
Daughter of Rick and Anita Merchant. I plan to attend CMU to major in Marketing and minor in Business Law in hopes of becoming a Product Brand Manager



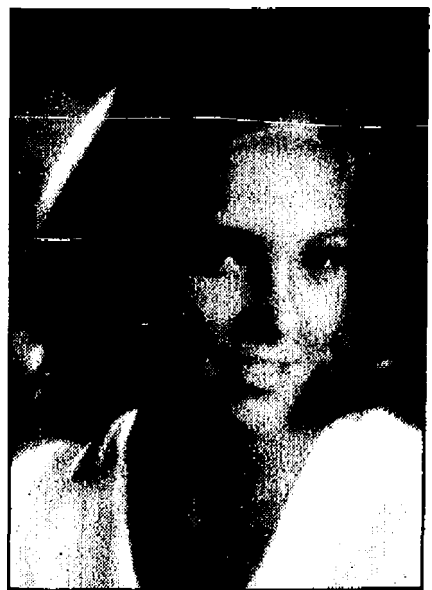
Jeremy Messerschmidt
Son of Ron and Laura Trojanek. After graduation I plan to attend NADC College and major in Car Painting and Design.



Roy Middleton
Son of Bill and Carol Thayer. After graduation I plan to attend college to be a cop.



Jenn Millar
Daughter of Tim and LeAnn Millar. My plans after graduation are undecided at this time.



Kim Mitchell
Daughter of Mark and Sheri Mitchell. After graduation I plan to go to Ferris State University and major in Accounting and minor in Finance.



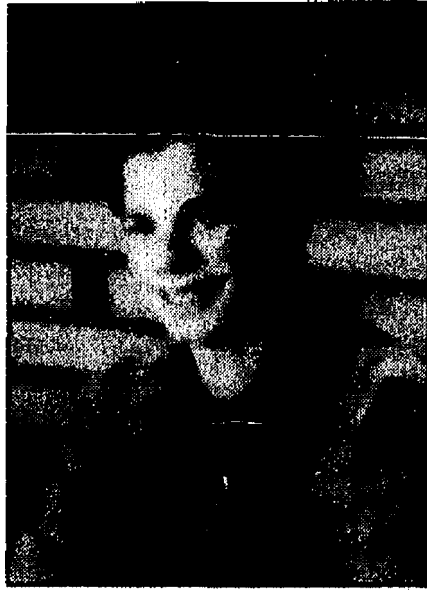
Amber Moore
Daughter of Dale and Gloria Moore. After graduation I plan to attend Northwestern Michigan College and transfer to Grand Valley State University to major in Marketing.



Antonio Sala puts the finishing touches on his masterpiece in Mr. Mark Binert's art room. Antonio received the senior superlative vote for Best Artist for the class of 2003.



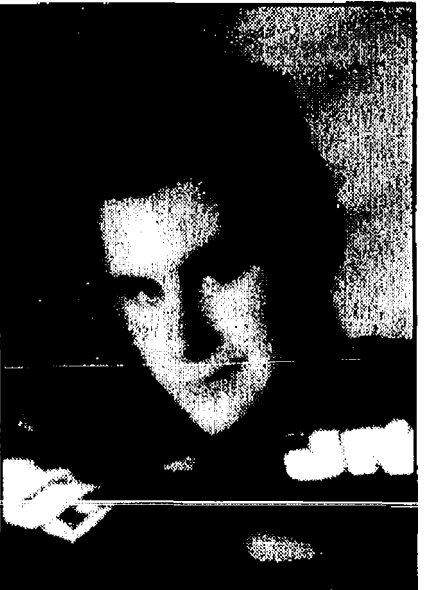
Shayla Marie Moore
Daughter of Steve and Sandra Moore. After graduation I plan to attend CMU to major in Business Administration and in Dance.



Nate Mueller
Son of Jon and Sue Mueller. After graduation I plan to attend classes at Kirtland Community College.



Cody Myers
No response.



Travis Nelson
Son of Fred and Becky Hinkle and Greg Nelson. After graduation I plan to find success in all my future ventures.



Tressa Bee Ney
Daughter of Rodney B. Ney Jr. and Gail Ann Ney. After graduation I plan to attend Kirtland Community College and major in Fine Arts and work with children.



Kate Edith Nickert
After graduation I plan to attend Kirtland Community College and major in Massage Therapy and eventually obtain certification for Fitness Training.



Tara Marie Papendick
Daughter of Dale and Eileen Papendick. After graduation I plan to attend Kirtland Community College.



Tracy Ann Parkinson
Daughter of Jeff and Jeanne Parkinson. After graduation I plan to attend Ferris State University and major in Education and minor in Psychology.



Coleman R. Payne
Son of John and Stephanie Payne. After graduation I plan to attend Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana.



Sarah C. Pegouskie
Daughter of Mark and Jessie Pegouskie. After graduation I plan to go to college and become a Registered Nurse.



Felicia Phillips
Daughter of Richard and Susan Phillips. After graduation I plan to continue my dance training and attend Northwestern College for two years and transfer to a university to pursue a career in dance.



Halie Phipps
Daughter of Terry and Brenda Phipps. After graduation I plan to attend Lawrence Technological University to major in Architecture.

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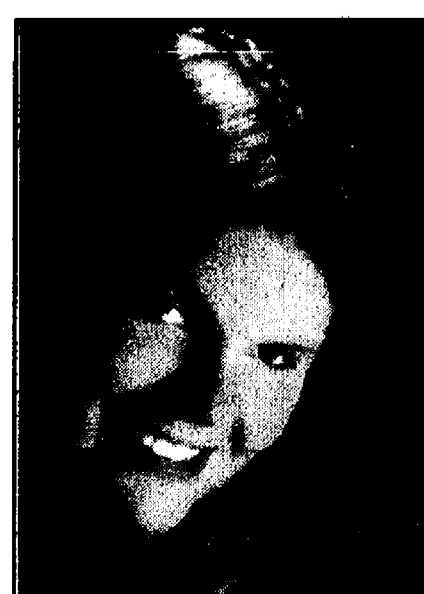
Shannon M. Plutko
Daughter of Holly Plutko. After graduation I plan to go to Mid Michigan Community College, then transfer to Western to be a pilot.



Kortney L. Poll
Daughter of Bonnie and Norman Poll. After graduation I plan to take care of my daughter Tapanga.



Jacqueline A. Rais
Daughter of Mark Rais and Linda Nafraniwicz. After graduation I plan to attend Eastern Michigan University where I will major in history.



Colleen Rogers
Daughter of Star and Rod Case. After graduation I plan to attend NWM to earn an associates degree in criminal justice to become a police officer.



Jennifer L. Rusiecki
Daughter of Anthony and Tina Rusiecki. After graduation I plan to attend Saginaw Valley and major in Psychology.



Monica Safin
No response.



Antonio Sala
Son of Debra Sala. After graduation I plan to continue working at Grayling Hospital for Animals and in the fall begin at Western.



Richard Saxton
Son of Stephen and Susan Saxton. After graduation I plan to join the Navy.



Amanda St. Amour
No response.



Sarah Starks
Daughter of Robert and Michelle Starks. After graduation I plan to move to California to pursue acting.



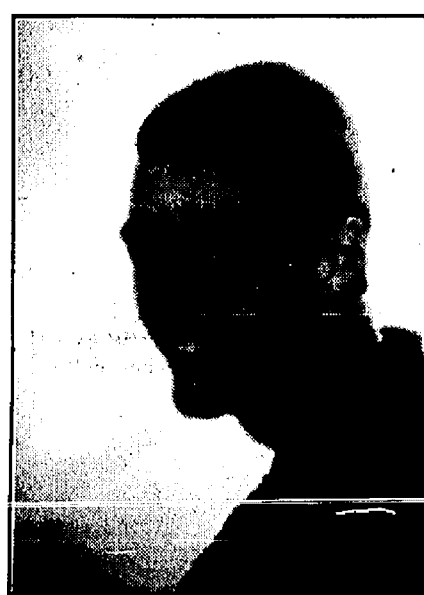
Nicole Starr
Daughter of Greg and Cheryl Starr. After graduation I plan to attend KCC in hope of becoming a massage therapist.



Christina N. Strait
Daughter of Jeannette and Clarence Strait. After graduation I plan to move to Florida and open my own spa.



Laura Ann Strohkirch
Daughter of Richard and Annmarie Strohkirch. After graduation I plan to attend MTU to become a chemical engineer.



Matthew Strohpaal
Son of Russell and Tina Strohpaal. After graduation I plan to attend FSU Pharmacy College in hope of becoming a pharmacist.



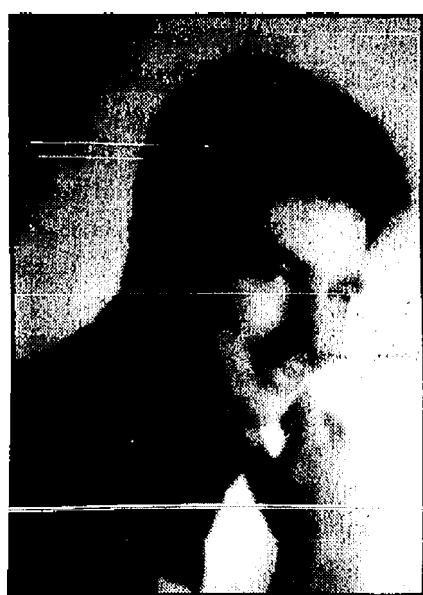
Shannon Terry
Daughter of Bob and Pam Terry. After graduation I plan to attend Saginaw Valley to study Education.



Christopher L. Wakeley
Son of Gene and Marsha Wakeley. After graduation I plan to attend KCC to train to be an automotive technician.



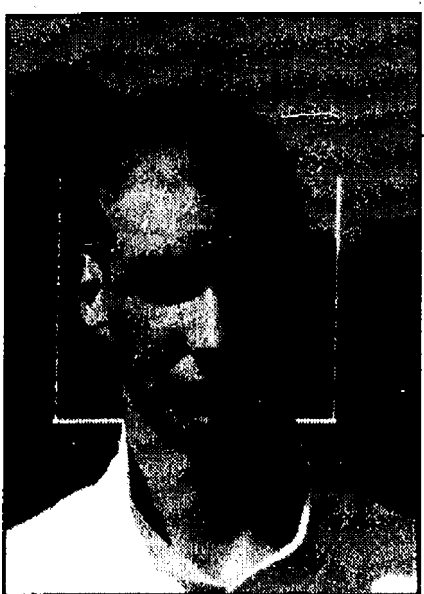
Stephanie Wakeley
Daughter of Cy and Elizabeth Wakeley. After graduation I plan to attend a college in Michigan to major in vocal performance.



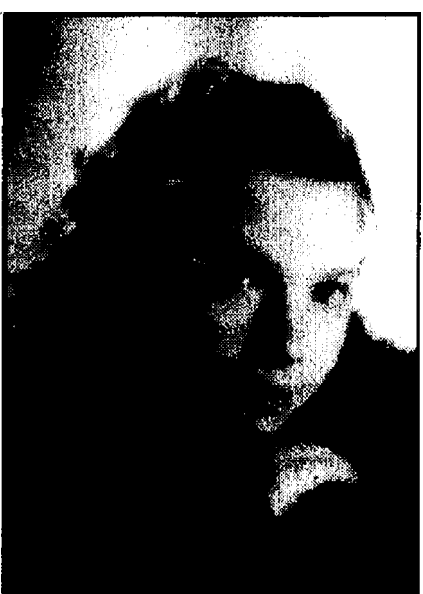
Shawn Ryan Weatherly
Son of Roger and Cindy Weatherly. After graduation I plan to attend NADC and become a hi-performance diesel mechanic.



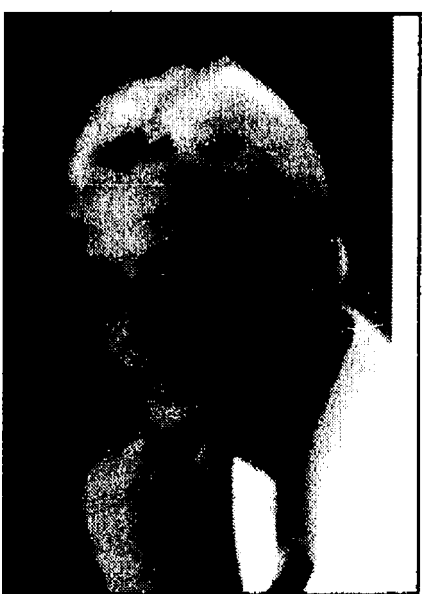
Mary Kathryn Wingfield
Daughter of William Sr. and Mary Wingfield. After graduation I plan to attend Kirtland Community College and get a degree in Applied Science.



Pawel Wojcik
Son of Ryszard and Emilia Wojcik and host parent, Mike Shearer. After graduation I plan to go back to Poland and study the tourist business in a Physical Education Academy in Krakow, Poland.



Andrea Yanniello
Daughter of Doug and Cindy Yanniello. After graduation I plan to attend college.



Michael Yost
Son of Deborah Yost. After graduation I plan to attend Kirtland Community College.



Regina Young
Daughter of Pamela Young and Daniel Root. After graduation I plan to move to Tennessee with my husband and step-son or stay here for a while and get a job.

Not Pictured:

Ashley Bancroft
Breck Denewett
Jeffrey Denison
Jenson Dreasky
Rebecca Flaherty
Joshua Jurkovich
James Kenney
Lance Kingslien
Sarah Lepsy
Kyle Malezyk
Caleb Mead
Josh Messerschmidt
Annette Morris
Kristal Schlaun
Brandon Scott
Sherry Skiba
Frank Tody
Jesse Vanslyke
Barbara Wargo
William Wilson

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Senior Highlights

What is most memorable about your high school days?

Ashley Beemer

My senior Snowgoing with Charley (McNamara); it was amazing!

Sean Doyle

Walking around the hallways with my friends during class.

Andrea Duncley

The social events and the valuable time spent with friends.

Andrew Boardman

Playing in front of the school.



Sarah Golnick: "The last day of school my Junior year when we ransacked the freshman and enjoyed our new seniority!" Pictured above is Sarah Golnick and Charley McNamara chillin' out between classes.

Lexi Bondar

Making life long friends.

Lori Ellis

Junior Miss, I had a lot of fun with the girls and got to eat good food.

William Brewer

Spending more time at school than at home.

Shane Ferrell

My entire senior year has been incredible.

James Burton

Spending time with friends.

Justin Fissette

Chem. II class my junior year with Mr. Mau.

Maeghan Corwin

Spending time with my friends.



Jason Gomez: "Cross country and hanging out with my friends."

Kyle Fleischmann

Not going.

Stephanie Wakeley

Spending time with my wonderful friends, the theatre program, and State Honors Choir.

Todd Gaffke

Hanging out with Sarah (Golnick) in Health class with Mr. Cousineau.

Jessica Green

The good times with my friends, especially with the girls traveling to basketball games, and spending time with Matt.

Danielle Beekwith

I couldn't wait for time to pass, but now I realize it went by too fast.

Ryan Harland

Being with my friends; I don't know how I could've lasted without them.

Eric Hunter

Hanging out with my friends in the hallways during class.

Alexia Harvey

The rides to Kirtland with the other four girls.

Heather Merchant

Receiving my first yellow card in soccer, the Powder Puff games and doing senior stuff.

Kimberly Hatfield

Hanging out with my friends and just being our crazy selves...BUNDLE!

Regina Stocker

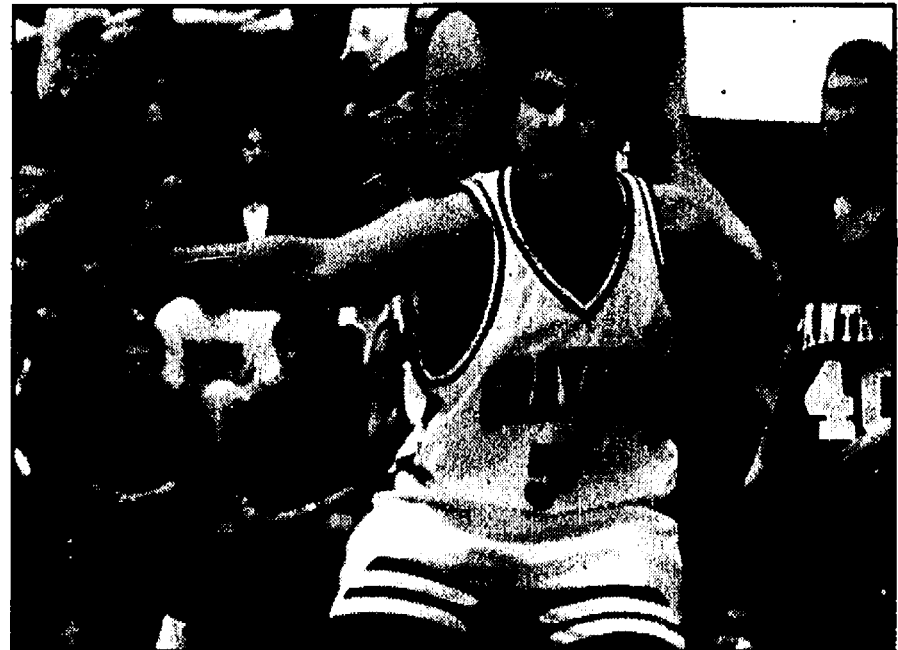
Going to both my Junior and Senior high school Proms.

Lance Harmer

Playing three and a half years of football.

Christopher Cragg

Going to the sporting events.



Roger Alvarez Jr. "Winning the NEMC Championship basketball game during my senior year."

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Love Ya, Dad, Mom, Joe, Mel, Ethan, Gavin, and Matt

Senior Highlights

What is most memorable about your high school days?

Ken Heinlein

Meeting everybody that I have met. They all know who they are and they have had a very important part of helping me to become the person I am today; I will never forget the debt of gratitude I owe every one of them.

Brandon Jacobs

Goofing off with Chris Wakeley.

Laura Strokirch

Playing tennis, the spirit weeks, Homecoming, Snow-going, Prom, going to state Solo and Ensemble for choir and spending time with my friends.

Andi Holzbauer

The friendships I made during sports and other extracurricular activities.

Kate Nickert

Meeting my boyfriend, TJ, at a school dance.

Adam Kaiser

Lunch and sports.

Kim Mitchell

My friends.

KC Kindler

My sophomore year when I went to Toronto with the choir.

Danyelle Larson

The dances because we could hang out with friends and have fun.

Ashley Longendyke

Becoming so close with my friends and sharing memories with them.

Jenna McClain

All of the times I had with my friends all four years.

Charley McNamara

Our forensics team at state causing nothing but trouble for Mr. Lackenbucher.



Jesse Jo Helsel: "Playing sports." Pictured above is senior Jesse Helsel, who seemed to enjoy lunch a little more than everybody else; especially on taco day!

Amber Moore

All of the memories of being with my friends.

Tracy Parkinson

Being selected to represent Grayling High School at Girls State.

Travis Nelson

Meeting and interacting with interesting individuals.

Tressa Ney

Working on the Senior Wall; composing a picture and painting our senior motto with our colors.

Jason Glicker

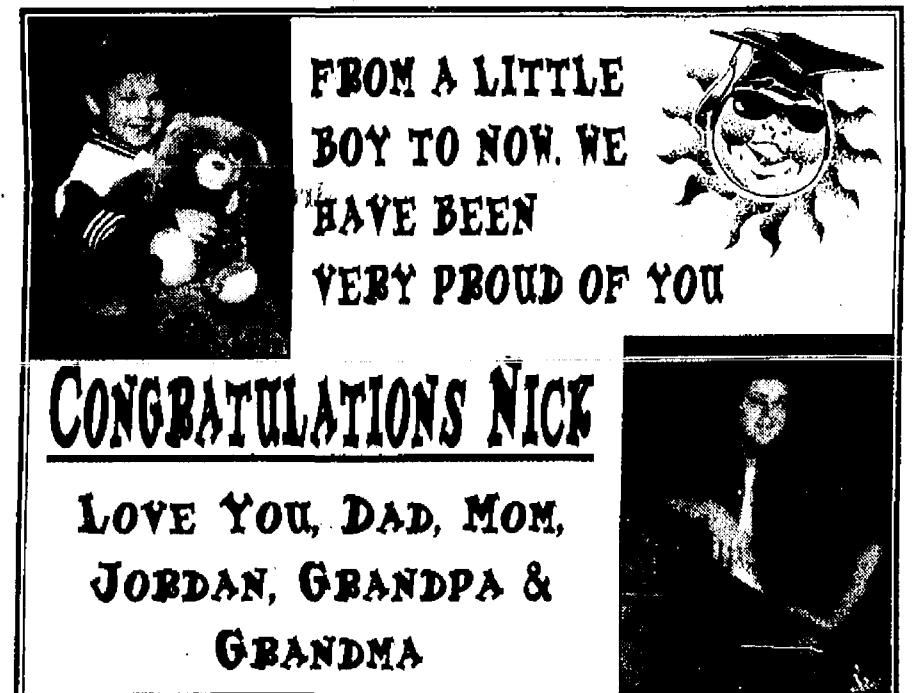
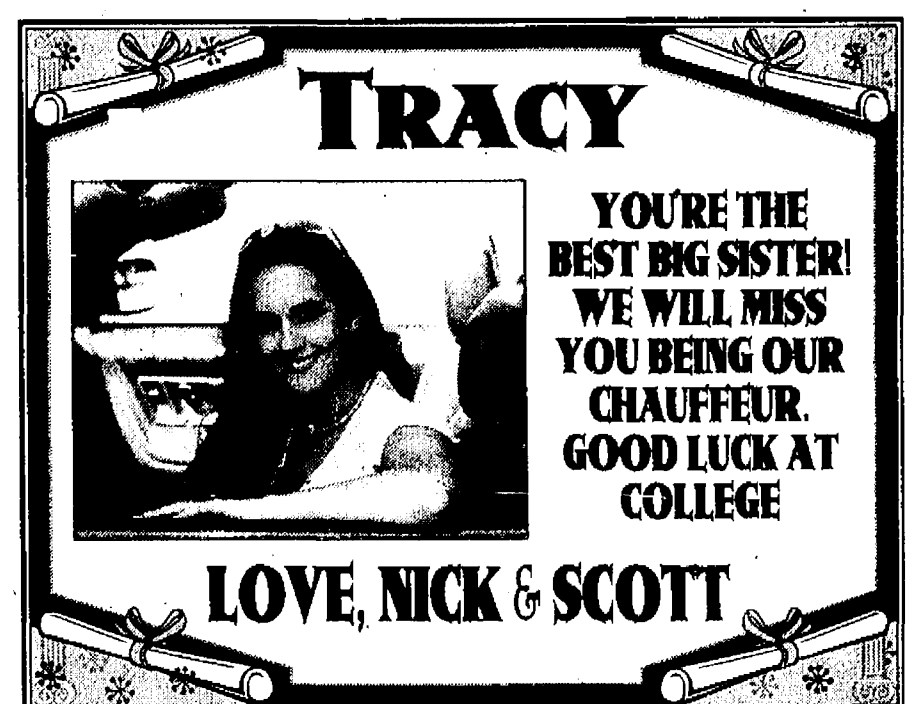
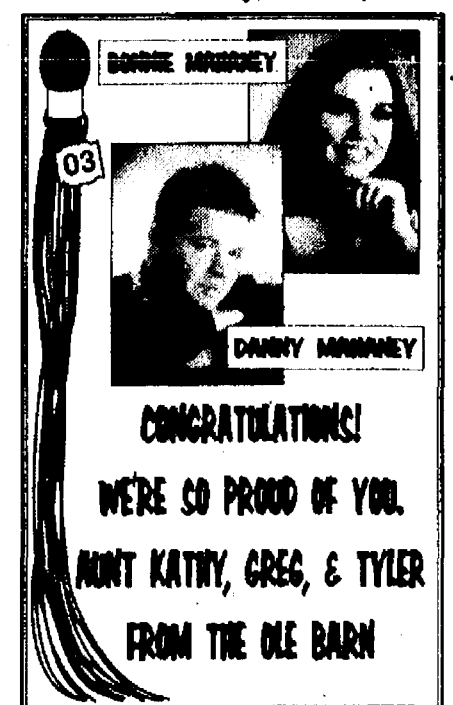
The Grayling High School Theater program.

Shawn Byard

All of the drama this past year; the backpack rule, construction, etc.

Brett Mead

Winning my senior Homecoming football game.



Jennifer Rusiecki: "The Powder Puff football game my senior year; even though we did not win it was a lot of fun!" The Senior Powder Puff girls trained long and hard for their game vs. the juniors and took a second to get some goofy candid photos before the big game.

Jason Henning

The second semester of my Junior year. I had no idea that it was possible to do that much in so little time.

Carmen Hulbert

Being with all my good friends.

Bonnie Mahaney

Going to the formal dances because they always were a blast.

Brandon Jacobs

Goofing off with Chris Wakeley.

Shayla Moore

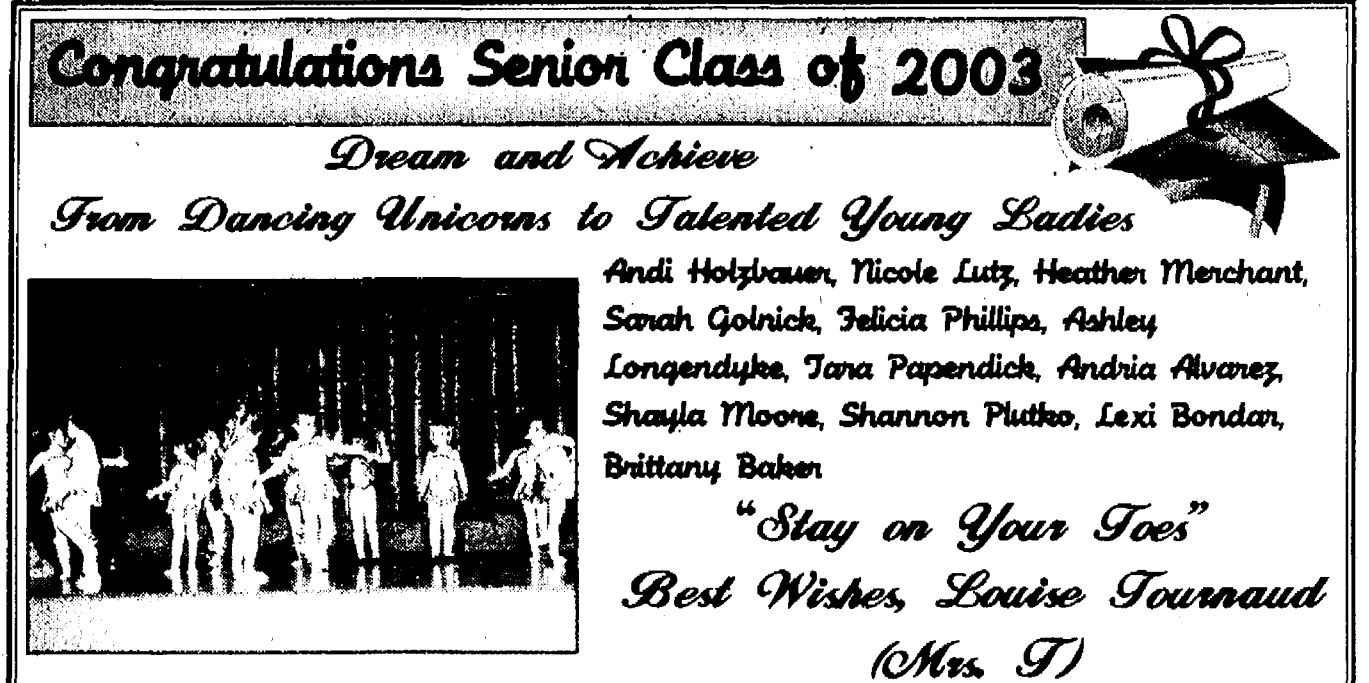
Gaining valuable friendships that will all last a lifetime and winning the Grayling Junior Miss Scholarship Program.

Brandi Morey

Attending Mrs. Lasby's class and becoming a good friend with her.




Kevin Jozwiak: "Laughing, joking around, and playing cards with classmates." Kevin Jozwiak and Travis Nelson use their seminar time wisely with playing cards and rearranged desks (minus the cheesey visors!).



Congratulations to the Class of 2003


Special Congratulations to our grandson
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Shayla Moore


Shayla Marie, our beautiful Shay.
The world became brighter on your birthday.
God blessed us with a baby girl on December 8th of 1984.
A new sister and daughter to love and adore.
As you started your magic journey from then to now.
We watched in amazement and could only say "Wow."
The years flew by as we saw you grow and change.
Through it all, your beauty and grace has always remained.
From day one, all the way to graduation day.
Your charm and radiance have never waned.
A Beautiful Baby in 1985 to Junior Miss in 2002.
This is proof that there's nothing you can't do.
Now we'll watch as you venture out into a world of your own.
And we can think back to how much you've grown.
Each moment of your life has made us proud and we're glad to say
That we love you very much & You will always and forever be our Shay!
Love, Mom, Dad and Sam



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Sarah Golnick,
You've worked hard and we're proud of your accomplishments. Keep up the good work and you'll go far. Keep Smiling!
Love - Mom, Dad, Dave & Bill



Senior Highlights

What is most memorable about your high school days?

Sarah Pegouskie

Entering high school as a freshman and being scared about this new world.

Felicia Phillips

The last day of school in 2002 was the best day for many and the worst for others!

Halie Phipps

Having fun with my friends because they have made my high school an unforgettable four years.

Shannon Plutko

When my friend's party got busted by the state police!

Sarah Starks

Driving to Kirtland every Tuesday and Thursday.

Jacqueline Rais

Making a lot of new friends but still keeping the old.

Colleen Rogers

The end of my Junior year when we became the seniors.

Nicole Starr

Junior prom and my senior year.

Christina Strait

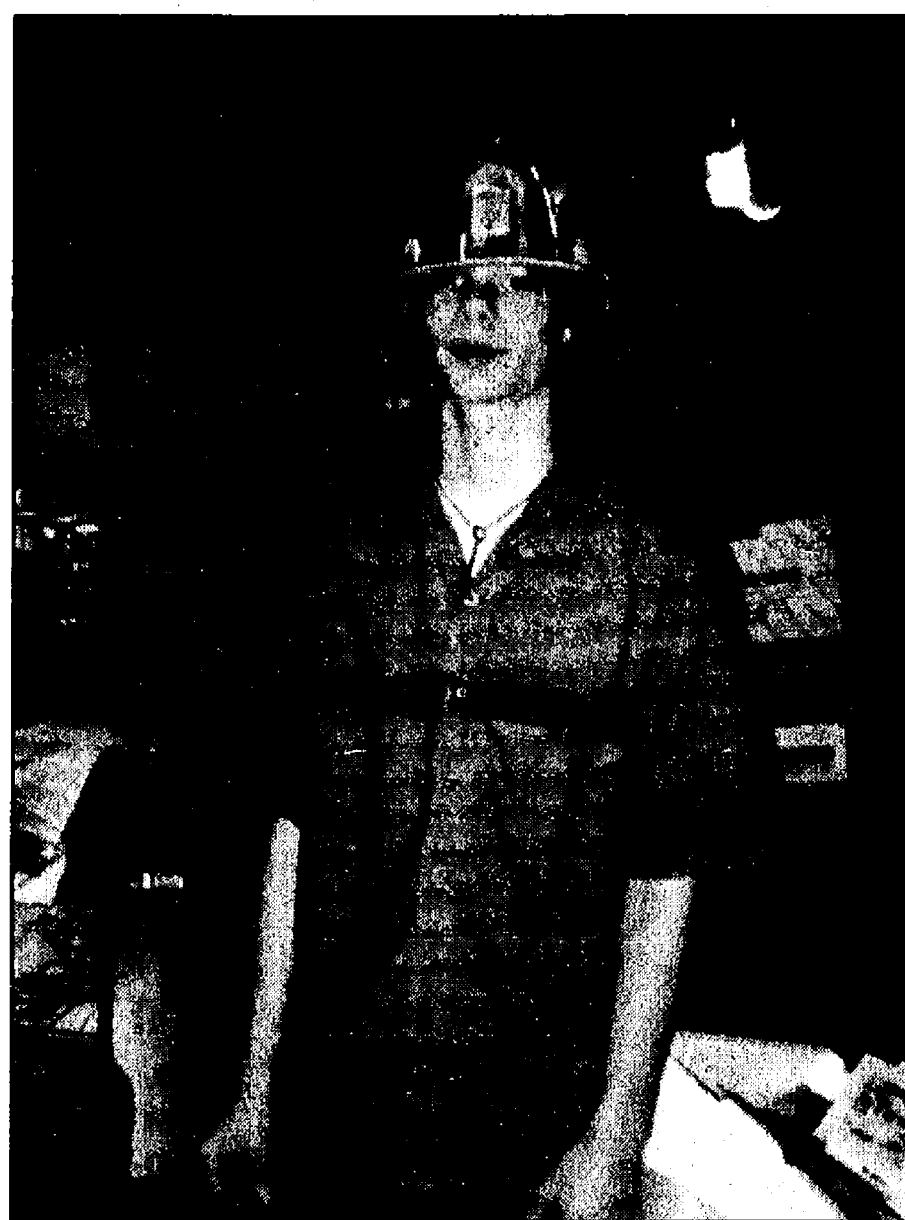
I loved being able to meet new people!

Matt Strohpaull

Playing football all four years of high school.

Chris Wakeley

Playing football for Coach Cousineau.



Nate Mueller "The awesome construction going on during my whole senior year."

Shannon Terry

The last day of school my Junior year when we creamed the up-coming freshman.

Chris Wakeley

Playing football for Coach Cousineau.

Shawn Weatherly

Autocad, building trades, and football.

Mary Wingfield

Too much to say...

Andrea Yaniello

My senior prom.

Jenny Brunell

The cross country mud run in Charlevoix and the mud fights!



Bonnie Mahaney Ahh the highlights of being a senior! (Goodale runs!)



Senior Superlatives

Longest Legs: James Lawrence and Kate Nickert

Class Gossip: Bill Wilson and Kim Hatfield

Shyest: Antonio Sala and Maeghan Corwin

Best Laugh: Eric Hunter and Becky Flaherty

Best Dancer: Adam Kaiser and Felicia Phillips

Friendliest: Sean Doyle and Janelle Gregorich

Wittiest: Travis Nelson and Monica Safin

Most Tardies: Jesse Helsel and Britney Baker

Most Outgoing: Danny Mahaney and Lori Ellis

Biggest Flirt: Danny Mahaney and Jacqueline Rais

Best Eyes: Travis Fagan and Michele Belcher

Best Hair: Antonio Sala and Lori Ellis

Best Artist: Antonio Sala and Jenna McClain

Most Unique: Jason Glicker and Shannon Plutko

Best All-Around: Charley McNamara and Jessica Green

Most Intellectual: Jason Henning and Monica Safin

Best Dressed: Antonio Sala and Janelle Gregorich

Best Musician: Todd Gaffke and Andi Holzbauer

Best Actor/ Actress: Eric Hunter and Stephanie Wakeley

Smart Aleck: Eric Hunter and Andrea Dunckley

Biggest Brown-Noser: Ken Heinlein and Tracy Parkinson

Sweetest: Chris Cragg and Jessica Green

Most Spirited: Shane Ferrell and Ashley Bancroft

Most Creative: Shane Ferrell and Tressa Ney

Trendsetter: Dave Burton and Sarah Golnick

Most Generous: Chris Cragg and Jessica Green

Most Dependable: Jason Henning and Ashley Bancroft

Most Talented: Charley McNamara and Lexi Bondar

Most Muscular: Jesse Helsel and Andi Holzbauer

Most Likely to Succeed: Charley McNamara and Laura Strohkirch

Hardest Worker: Jason Henning and Monica Safin

Best Smile: Tyler Huber and Danielle Beckwith

Best Athlete: Adam Kaiser and Jessica Green

Cutest Couple: Roger Alvarez and Nicole Starr

Class Clown: Eric Hunter and Becky Flaherty

Favorite Teacher: Mr. Hayes and Mrs. Binert

Felicia Phillips,
It seems like only yesterday that you started school.
Now here you are graduating. We are very proud of you. Follow your dreams and you will achieve your goals!
Love - Dad, Mom, Jennifer & Ben

